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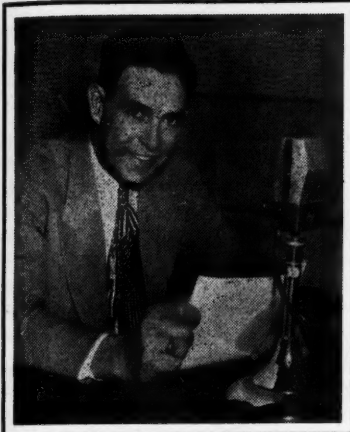
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I SALUTE THE FLAG

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THE AMERICAN FLAG is more than just a piece of bunting attached to a flagstaff. It is the emblem and sign of government. It represents the authority and the ideals upon which our Nation was founded.

The Republic of the United States is not an ordinary government. It is a system born of idealism and spirituality. Like a golden thread, reverence for God runs all through our history.

Dr. George Northrup once said: "God Almighty writes a legible hand."

Indeed, the walls of this Republic are covered with providential writings. It is this fact, that has put character into our statesmen, courage into our soldiers, justice into our government, conscience into our people. This fact explains how that in the short span of a century and a half, the United States became a leader among the nations of the world, causing the American Flag to command the respect of peoples of all climes.

In his book on the history of the American Flag, Colonel James Moss explains the meaning of the stripes and stars:

"The thirteen red and white stripes recall to us the history of that bitter, eight-year struggle in which the Thirteen Colonies fought and stood side by side for freedom, the period of suffering

and sacrifice that marked the birth of our Nation.

"They recall the battle of Lexington, where was fired the first shot of the war for American independence; the dark days at Valley Forge; the fierce fighting at Saratoga that marked the turning point of the Revolution; and the final triumph at Yorktown. These stripes will never be changed. Side by side they will remain for all time, a lasting emblem by which we commemorate and honor the heroic founders of our Nation.

"Each star in the Flag is an emblem to record a great event in the history of the Country. Each tells the story of a great and sovereign State which has entered our Union. The first thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original States, stood for the work of our Revolutionary forefathers. The other stars stand for the work of those who have followed in their footsteps. Each added star has its story to tell of struggle and toil, of danger and hardship, of suffering and privation, to win a State from the wilderness, and present it to the Union.

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"Our forefathers were proud of the history which they recorded on their Flag. It was a glorious banner to leave to their Country."

PRIVILEGES I ENJOY

If the American Flag could utter words, I surmise it would say something like this: "I symbolize the soul of America, typifying her ideals and aspirations, her institutions and traditions."

Under this Flag ... the mail I receive comes to me uncensored and unopened; I have moved and changed my address whenever and wherever I pleased, without registering with the police or the government; I have the privilege of criticizing the policies of any political party with all the vigor I deem necessary, and have no fear of being thrown into prison, exiled to Siberia, or sent to a slave labor camp; I enjoy the right of casting a secret ballot, in helping determine who shall rule over me.

Under this Flag, I can hear the tolling of church bells which calls to my mind, that I may worship God according to the dictates of conscience. My thought wanders over the world to the remotest bounds of the earth — North, East, South, West ... and I cannot think of any nation so blessed, so happy, so prosperous, and free as America.

I salute the Flag!

I salute the Flag because of its cost. No orator, though he have the tongue of Demosthenes or the eloquence of Gladstone, will be able to describe the cost, in blood and tears, of this emblem designed by Betsy Ross in 1776.

No painter, even though he possesses the skill of Michelangelo, can hope to produce on canvas, the colors engraved upon the heart of this good woman to represent the holy ideals of our founding Fathers.

No sculptor, regardless of the magic of his chisel, will ever express the spirit of true Americanism in a stone.

No writer, no matter how great, can

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hope to put it down on parchment. The spirit of the Flag is an elusive thing that must be *felt* in the bosom of free men ... and only the Christian patriot can imprison this holy emotion in the human soul. I appreciate my Flag.

I salute the Flag because of the type of people who oppose it. Just as it stands for the things I love, it also stands against the things that I dislike. And I am going to be frank to say that there are certain kinds of people in this world with whom I have no desire to associate.

I salute the Flag because of the ambitions, the selfishness, the ruthlessness, the inhumanity of the crowd on the other side. I have no language to express my contempt for those who hope to pull down this Flag, and substitute a system of government in which the liberties it symbolizes would be destroyed.

When I think of the thousands of churches burned, the millions of copies of the Bible destroyed, under the tyranny of bloody Communism in other parts of the world; when I think of the lives of multitudes of Christians snuffed out; when I think of concentration camps, and Siberia; when I think of the forces of subversion that have infiltrated our own Churches and our Country ... I salute the Flag, dedicate my life anew, resolve to stand against those things I know to be wrong, and thank God that I am a Christian and an American.

I salute the Flag because of its symbolism.

COLOR MEANINGS

The *red* represents the blood of sacrificial bravery and courage that must characterize America in every crisis —

the courage that caused our Fathers to bleed and die, that we might have freedom of worship, freedom of speech, the right of property, and the right to vote.

The *white* represents a form of purity that can only come to the human heart through the truth of God's Word implanted by faith, and under this Flag every man is innocent in the sight of the law until he is proven guilty. We assume that every man means to do right, unless his behavior indicates otherwise. Other systems, where Bible truth does not prevail, assumes a man is guilty until he proves himself innocent. Our Constitution began by promising to every man the right to life, freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The *blue* represents loyalty and faithfulness that would lay down its life for the Christian ideals to which this Nation is dedicated. The blue speaks of the sky. America is the only spot on earth, where it may be said "the sky is the limit," as far as human liberty is concerned. We not only say it, but we mean it.

In America if a man can make a million dollars, he has the privilege of doing so. A groceryman can have one store, two stores, or a hundred. Every man determines his place, and relation to the existing order, on the basis of personal merit, worthiness and willingness to work. "The sky is the limit."

Socialism, the parent from whose loins Communism, Fascism, Nazism and New Dealism sprang — Socialism seeks to crush the human spirit, regiment the mind and regulate the affairs of the individual. Socialism regards the citizen as the victim, the slave of the State. Americanism regards the State as the

servant of the citizen. Jefferson said, the best government was the one that governed least.

The Stars and Stripes symbolize the highest type of government, the greatest amount of liberty, the best standard of living, the apex of civilization.

Sacrifices of others have made it possible for us to enjoy the blessings that are ours today beneath the folds of Old Glory. I am thinking of Nathan Hale.

Hardly twenty-one, popular, educated, refined, full of the joy of life, engaged to a girl he loved, he was captured within the British lines while on an important secret mission for General Washington, and sentenced to be hanged as a spy. Promised full pardon if he would join the British army, he spurned the offer.

With arms tied behind him he was marched to a tree at the foot of which stood a pine coffin and a freshly dug grave nearby. When at last Hale stood on the ladder waiting for the rope to be thrown over a limb of the tree, the executioner demanded a confession. With the spirit of the American Flag in his soul, the patriot speaking to posterity, answered, "*I only regret that I have but one life to give for my Country.*"

FLAG AND CONSTITUTION

From what source came these ideals, these advantages, these liberties?

The Flag did not produce them. Something produced the Flag. The Nation did not produce them. Something produced the Nation. There was a source, there was an origin; there was a beginning somewhere. Where was that beginning?

I think I know. The beginning was the Bible — the Word of God. Our forefathers may have been rough, uncultured and uneducated, but they believed the Bible and loved God. The Bible was their textbook. They followed its precepts and carved a civilization out of a wilderness. This Book meant so much to them that they came to this wild, untamed wilderness, primarily for the purpose of establishing a place where they could worship God as they found Him revealed in the Scriptures.

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government, they wove into its warp and woof the ideals they had absorbed from the Bible. How wisely our forefathers builded is shown by the fact that during the brief span of a century and a half, the Nation, under the Constitution, has become the richest, most powerful and happiest in the world.

Flag and Constitution have traveled side by side. The fundamentals of the Constitution and the symbols of the Flag are coessential. They will stay up, or go down together.

William Gladstone, the English statesman, said: "The American Constitution is the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of men."

Constitutional democracy protects Christianity. Today there is a worldwide conspiracy to destroy the Cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. The seeds of destruction have even been planted in many of our Churches.

Some thirty-five years ago, there was released upon Christian civilization, an anti-Christ program with its international base in Russia, and ramifications reaching into every part of the earth. The present wave of hate for good people and good things originates with red Communism. Our own beloved America has not been spared the effect of this scourge.

AT GRIPS WITH THE ENEMY

We are today facing our greatest crisis. This conflict is not being fought on battlefields in mud and trenches, with bursting bombs, poison gas and shrapnel, by use of aircraft, tanks and submarines. The battlefield is the school-room, the university, the college, the high school, the pulpit, the newsstand, the silver screen, the radio, the television and the press. However, these pernicious agencies, now working along mental lines, can and will take on bloody physical form in this part of the world, as in Europe, unless checked by the power of the Gospel.

The weapons of the enemy, are the Atheistic, Materialistic, Modernistic, Communistic philosophies of the CHRIST-HATERS who will pull down the pillars of American civilization, if not brought under the lash of stern restraint. With ridicule and vicious propaganda, this Trojan Horse gang of international destroyers, pay lip service to our institutions and sing "God Bless

America," but their hearts are full of poison toward everything near and dear to the heart of the Christian.

They hope to pull down Old Glory, and supplant it with another flag of anarchistic design — a rag that would destroy freedom, liberty, patriotism and the Church. I salute the red, white and blue ... and please God, the time will never come when the white and blue

will be removed, thus leaving us only the red of revolution and chaos!

Christianity and anti-Christianity are now at close grips. The struggle is between Christ and anti-christ. I have taken my stand. My course will remain unaltered. Other Christians, by the millions, feel the same way. With Christ as our Commander, and Lord of our Salvation, there shall be no retreat, no defeat.



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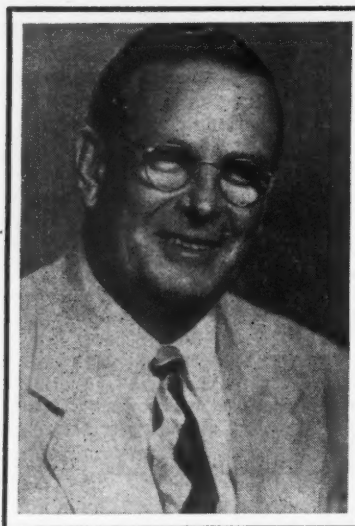
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"Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, IT IS THE LORD.

Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea." John 21:7.

THESE FOUR single syllable words combine to make one of the most dramatic statements in history. "It is the Lord" demonstrates recognition, identifying the One who was dead, as now being *alive*! Let us study the circumstances of this momentous announcement.

Seven fishermen, who had once left their nets to follow Jesus Christ, were out fishing again. Some writers on Biblical themes think they ought not to have been doing so . . . that their return to the old mode of living indicated signs of discouragement, loss of confidence in the Christ whose life had seemingly terminated with a violent death, disobedience to their Master's command to tarry in Jerusalem until endued with power from on high.

But these men had already seen the risen Lord on at least two earlier occasions. Thus we know that discouragement was not compelling them toward their former occupation. We suggest that they were simply hungry and want-

ed a mess of fish for breakfast! The two important lessons which resulted from the incident suggest providential guidance:

- (1) A post-resurrection demonstration over the laws of nature by the Christ.
- (2) The fact of recognition after the resurrection.

Both of these matters were important to the disciples. And they are of importance to us.

From all appearances, the result of that night's fishing was a complete failure. They caught nothing. It is a time for serious reflection when experienced fishermen fail to catch a single fish. Their failure made possible the performance of a miracle of great importance.

The event that followed showed the Lord's ability to repeat, in resurrection power, things He had done when clothed with terrestrial flesh. Thus the miracle of the great catch of fish (before the resurrection), recorded in Luke 5:4-9, was

vividly reproduced and with similar spiritual results (after the resurrection), as described in John 21:3-11.

In both miracles, one at the beginning of Christ's public ministry, and the other shortly before His ascension, He assumed control of fishing expeditions, following unsuccessful human efforts. On both occasions, supernatural power over nature was demonstrated.

Peter was moved to worship in a spirit of love both times. On the first occasion he saw his own sinfulness and declared, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." On the second, he recklessly cast himself into the sea and rushed to be near Him Whom he loved.

In the second place, let us note that the words of recognition, "It is the Lord," were uttered by the apostle who has been designated, "John, the beloved." The New Testament man of love was the first to identify the risen Christ on the shore of Galilee.

We need to meditate upon this incident because the subject of recognition after death is something that comes home close to each of us. Where is there a Christian who has not asked, Will we know our loved ones in eternity?

Perhaps the answer is before us. Breakfast has been prepared. There is a fire of coals, bread, sizzling fish, an appetizing aroma and the gentle words, "Come and dine." Jesus recognized His friends and they recognized Him. And this is a picture of life in its resurrection state.

It is significant that our same beloved John, late in life, inserted these words in a letter: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Since, after His resurrection, Jesus knew those whom He loved, and considering that "we shall be like him," it would seem a logical deduction that we too will know our loved ones in the after life.

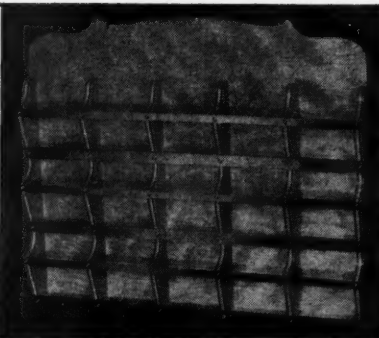
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WHO WAS THIS LORD?

Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, had been dead and buried. Only a handful of misguided people, infidels and fanatics, have ever denied this fact. There are no grounds for doubting the New Testament record and the Old Testament prophecies which relate to our Lord's death.

Christ had predicted both His own death and resurrection. Note such passages as John 10:17,18, Luke 9:22, Mark 9:9 and Matthew 16:21. Clearly enough, He foretold His death at the hands of men, yet a death that was to be different!

Men perpetrated physical blows capable of killing the Saviour but they did not deprive Him of His life for He surrendered Himself by His own will. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." He did not await the physical effect of humanly inflicted wounds to kill the body, thus releasing the soul. He departed this body by His own power knowing, also, that He could take it back again.

The resurrection of Christ is also an historical fact, supported by many infallible proofs. Of all the miracles recorded in the Bible, it is the greatest. When we consider the *actual rising* in the light of the *actual dying* and then, beyond that, the evidence that He arose never to die at a later date, but to ascend into Heaven, our faith is firmly established knowing that we too shall arise again.

Those three young people, Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:43), the widow's son (Luke 7:15) and Lazarus (John 11:44) died and were raised, to die again another day. With Jesus, it was different. Theirs was resurrection. Christ's was a resurrection.

The spiritual power of the Church is derived from the living Christ. Were He not alive, there would be no such power evident or available. The Christian's hope of eternal life would be a vain and sorrowful phantasy, if He were not risen. But Jesus *did* rise!

He was seen of men and women fourteen times after the Garden Tomb was found vacated on that blessed Sunday morning. What more evidence do we need? Yet more is available—that of the Church's virility and the Christian's moral and spiritual testimony. Let us examine the evidence of the witnesses.

IT WAS THE LORD

It was the Lord whom Mary Magdalene saw on the first day of the week when she found the stone rolled away. The empty tomb was mute evidence that Jesus had risen, but some how the fact did not register in her consciousness.

Her first thought was that the body had been stolen. After hearing the angelic messenger, she turned and "saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus," that is, until He spoke words of comfort and assurance. It was a dramatic scene. He said, "Mary." She said, "Master." (John 20:11-18)

It was the Lord who revealed Himself to the two Marys, seemingly first to one and then later to both. (Matthew 28:1-10)

It was the Lord who privately gave an interview to Peter on a sacred oc-

casión alluded to twice. (Luke 24:34 and I Corinthians 15:5)

It was the Lord who walked and talked with the couple on the Emmaus road and was recognized in the breaking of bread, following His ministry of breaking to them the Bread of Life. (Luke 24:15-31)

It was the Lord who appeared to the ten disciples in the upper room with Thomas absent, an event which some chronologists place immediately after the appearance on the shores of Galilee when the fish-catching miracle took

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place. (John 20:19-24 and 21:1-24) Then follows appearances to the eleven on three separate occasions—again in the upper room with Thomas present (John 20:26-28), later in the same place “assembled together with them” (Acts 1:4), and on the mountain from which He ascended into heaven (Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:9)

It was the Lord who appeared to the five hundred at one time, and to an apostle alone, James. (I Corinthians 15:6-7) These appearances all took place prior to the ascension, but did not terminate His presenting Himself to the gaze of others.

It was the Lord who appeared to Stephen as he preached to Jews and called them, “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears.” His hearers snarled at him like wolves about to make the kill. The Lord, knowing that His servant was about to leave this world by the road of violent death, made a special appearance to him.

We have the record in Acts 7:55-56, where Stephen, still alive and “full of the Holy Ghost,” sees with physical eyes the glory of God and Jesus Christ standing on the right hand. Then, just before the stones started crashing upon his body, he uttered these words: “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.” (Acts 7:56)

(It is well to remember that Paul, then Saul, was present and approved the assault.)

It was the Lord who appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus. The persecutor heard the voice, recognized the Speaker, never forgot the sight, and soon became an apostle. Paul’s testimony to the resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the strongest in Scripture. He longed to know the power of Christ’s resurrection (Philippians 3:10), and argued that if Christ be not risen, we who are His shall not rise again from the dead, but are of all men most miserable. (I Corinthians 15:17-19)

It was the Lord who appeared to John the apostle as he lingered, possibly in chains, a prisoner and exile on the Isle of Patmos. (Revelation 1:4-20)

SEVENFOLD PROOF

There can be no doubt but what Christ rose from the dead. In addition to what has been stated, there are seven lines of evidence which, considered together, comprise a block of proof which cannot be successfully contradicted.

(1) Christ’s own life—His manner of birth, the content of His teaching, miracles, and the nature of the death He died, proved that Jesus must rise again. His very character necessitated that He come forth. (See Matthew 12:40; 16:21; 17:9,23; 20:19; 27:63; John 2:19)

(2) The empty grave — carefully guarded, closed by a stone and sealed, yet vacated. The cloths that were wrapped around His body and head were left undisturbed by the emergence. These constitute mute but infallible proof that a miraculous resurrection had taken place. (See John 20:5-8)

(3) The transformed disciples — formerly impotent, weak and wavering in faith, doubters; then, after the resurrection and Pentecost, every one of them fearless in the face of death at the hands of Jews and infidels. Here is incontrovertible proof of the resurrection. These men preached it because they were absolutely convinced. (See Acts 1:22 and 2:22-32)

(4) The human witnesses — those we have described earlier, hundreds of them, sometimes singly, other times in groups.

(5) The early Church — founded by Christ through His own words and the testimony of convinced and consecrated apostles. It has grown and increased in strength so that today its nominal members aggregate four hundred million. This constitutes vivid proof that Christ is alive.

(6) The skeptical Jew — prejudiced Pharisee and persecutor of Christians, Paul. The resurrected Christ took him in hand, revealed Himself to the fanatical unbeliever and, from then on, there was no greater preacher of Christ’s resurrection.

(7) The complete Gospel record — contained in the New Testament, written after the events took place and never

successfully discredited by infidel or any other enemy. As an historical document it takes its place as the purest, cleanest history ever written.

BELIEF IN THE RESURRECTION IS CONSISTENT

The body with which Christ arose was a new kind of body, never before seen on earth. It possessed certain natural qualities, but yet remained supernatural. Consider a few anomalies.

Jesus evidently ate food after His resurrection (Luke 24:42,43), yet His body was bloodless and of a peculiarly different molecular structure, eternal and not dependent upon food for nourishment. He could breathe (John 20:22) speak, and do things like making a fire on which to cook fish. He was seen and heard doing and saying these things.

Eyewitnesses tell us how their senses apprehended the living Christ as they saw Him, ate with Him, listened to Him.

“It is the Lord” says John, who followed Him closely and lived with Him over three years. Could this apostle have been mistaken? We need not imagine so, for the others were also convinced at that time. Yes, that selfsame One who had been crucified, was alive again and is alive forevermore!

Christ’s resurrection was consistent with the prophetic Scriptures. As Paul says, “He was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

Christ’s resurrection was consistent with His personal predictions and promises. Note Matthew 16:21 and Luke 18:33.

Christ’s resurrection was consistent with the demands of His holiness, which, in this case, embraces His veracity and honesty. Had He not risen again, His word would have been discredited as broken. Note Romans 1:4 and Colossians 3:1.

Christ’s resurrection was consistent with the demands of grace. It was in love for us that Jesus died. Grace prompted Him to promise that He would receive us unto Himself. Note John 14:1-3, I Peter 1:3-5, and I Corinthians 15:51-57.

Then, finally, Christ’s resurrection was consistent with His divine power to perform supernatural deeds which were signs of a supernatural origin and being. The miracles He performed were demonstrations of His deity, but the most amazing of all was this one—in which He caused Himself to live again amongst men, after being dead and buried.

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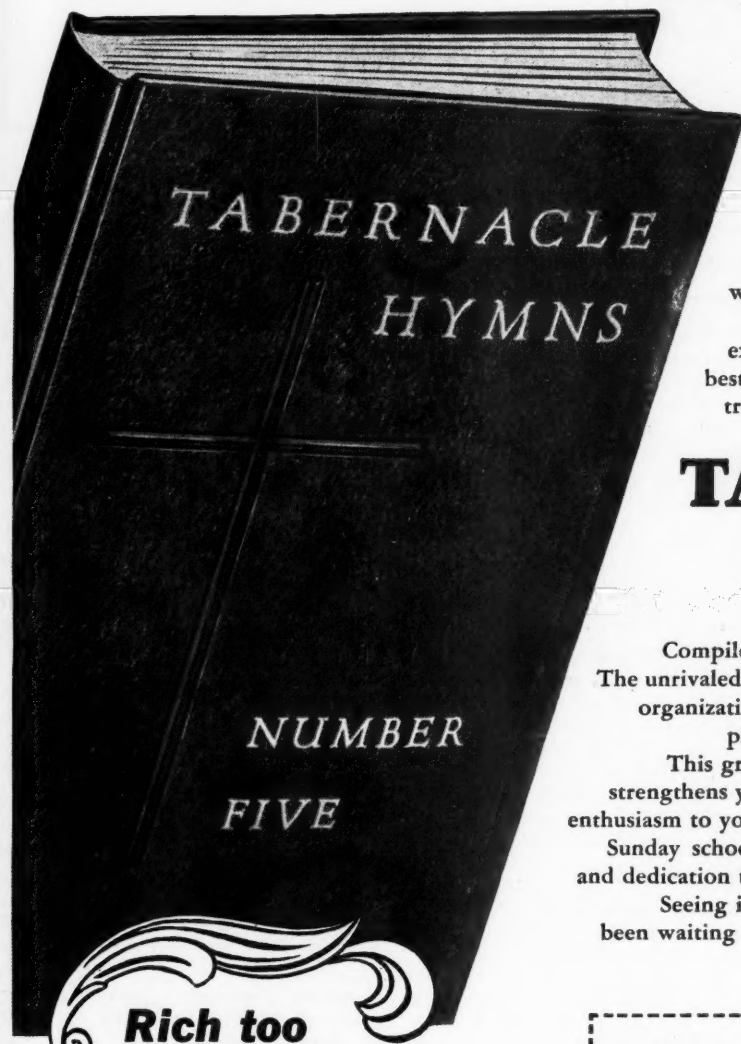
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The above picture, taken by Dr. John R. Turnbull, Superintendent of Defender missionary work in the Middle East, shows the hill on which Christ was crucified. Indentations and caverns in the rocks cause it to resemble the face of a skeleton. Hence the words, "And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull." Mark 15:22.

THIS WRITING finds me in Jerusalem. The little birds at my window are singing merrily. Even in their cages in the market place the bulbul birds are lifting their heads to heaven, pouring forth sweet melody to the passing throng.

On the mountains of Moab myriads of anemones, favorite flower of the Holy Land, are waving their gay banners in the sunshine. Most are red, many are mauve, blue, white and a few are black. Perhaps the black ones are there to remind us that death precedes the joy of spring resurrection. The anemone is "the lily of the field" to which Jesus referred when He said that "even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Purple pines, wild "mums" and countless other flowers enjoy Holy Land sunshine in dales and on the rugged hillsides. There really are only two seasons here, rainy and sunny weather. From now until October we expect only sunshine.

In the Song of Solomon we have an accurate weather report that holds good today: "The winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come."

We might add that another sign of springtime is the arrival of great flocks of tourists. When a "cruise ship" is in,

we know it by the age of the tourists who invade Jerusalem. The cruises bring the older folks who are not in a hurry. Young people come in two days from New York by air, and are gone in another two days. Perhaps they are waiting for old age to learn their Bible history and geography!

I have been in and out of the Holy Land for 30 years and am still learning new things from both the land and the Book that describes it.

LOCATING CALVARY

In 1924, on my way home to the States from India, I first visited Jerusalem. I met an elderly missionary, Miss Parsons. Having been here a lifetime, she was able to give valuable insight into conditions covering more than a half century. She told me something that flashed into my memory this morning. It came with a burst of joy, like a bird song, like flowers in the sunshine, like a message from heaven. It caused me to read again Leviticus 4:12.

"The whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire."

Miss Parsons told me about ashes. She remembered when there used to be many feet of ashes in some of the little valleys on the north side of Jerusalem where she lived. They had accumulated

over a long period of time from the burnt sacrifices of the Temple. When stirred by the winds, they must have resembled a dust bowl in the western part of the United States.

Bible students know that all the sacrifices in Leviticus are pictures and types of Jesus Who volunteered to become our Sacrifice on Calvary where, in fulfillment of type, He "suffered without the gate." Says the writer of the Hebrews: "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."

He was crucified on the North side. Calvary is North of the Temple area. The so-called Church of the Holy Sepulchre is West. The ashes settled there.

To refreshen my memory about Holy Sepulchre claims, I went there this morning and let the guide tell me all about the place. Under one huge roof he showed me the following (as he thought): the slab of rock where Joseph of Arimathea anointed the body of Jesus, the Tomb, Calvary, several chapels, a special place where prayers may be arranged for the dead, and the grave of Adam. Christians turn away from the place in disgust. They are being asked to look in the wrong direction. Calvary is North, not West, of the Temple area. Leviticus 1:11 stated in plain language that the direction would be "northward."

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founded this "Church" when visiting Jerusalem in search of the Cross. A small temple of a heathen goddess stood on the spot. She professed to learn by a dream or revelation that its foundations were embedded in Calvary. The building was torn down and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre erected. Recent archaeology has definitely proven this place was *inside* the wall in Christ's time and so is contrary to Scripture. He suffered "without the gate."

The Calvary sacrifice was "of the sheep," the most familiar of all the sacrificial pictures of Jesus. John the Baptist said of Him: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Connect this with the verse in Leviticus, "And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the Lord." Here is the mystery clue by which we know positively that Calvary is North from the old altar of the Temple.

Students of the Word know much about the altar of the Temple. It is a big, flat rock, still there, accepted historically as much as the location of the Parthenon in Athens, the Coliseum in Rome or the gigantic temple pillars in Baalbec, all of which I have visited.

In early Bible times the site of the altar was called Mount Moriah. Abraham took Isaac there, a beautiful type of Christ, willing even unto death. Moriah is a ridge on the East side of Jerusalem. It extends for only a quarter of a mile and so can be readily located. David bought the land from Ornan the Jebusite. "And David built there an altar." That was three thousand years ago.

Since the days of David the site of the altar has had a continuous, authentic history. The position of Calvary depends on the place of the altar. It then is a fixed location.

People of all faiths in Jerusalem accept the altar site in the Temple area. It is an interesting place to visit, covered now by the beautiful big dome of the Mosque of Omar. Be sure to go down the steep steps into the cave hollowed out below part of the altar of sacrifice. Notice the circular hole about two feet wide, cut through from the altar above. That is where the blood of the sacrifices ran down and flowed away.



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Modern archaeology confirms the location of Calvary to the North and outside the city walls. Sir Charles Marston made speeches and wrote extensively on the subject. He believed the evidence for "the place of the skull" to be conclusive.

Many Church leaders regarded the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (and Adam's tomb) as a fraud. Saint Willibald (about 750 A. D.) wrote: "Calvary was formerly outside Jerusalem, but Helena, when she found the Cross, arranged that place so as to be within the city." Early geographers, in their maps of the Jerusalem area, placed Calvary outside the walls at practically the same location now accepted.

Twice recently I have walked up the steep path and stood on the summit of Calvary. Something impressed me anew and vividly. The face of the hill still looks remarkably like the front of a skull. But the round hill as a whole (not only the face) with steep sides in every direction, gives it a skull-like appearance.

Years ago I found some iris roots on Calvary and sent them to my father in Los Angeles. Green shoots grew and

lovely iris blossoms developed in father's garden. The flowers of grace from Calvary will bloom in the garden of any heart, any place in the world. There are simple conditions. Plant the seed of the Gospel in the right soil. Salvation is received when we seek forgiveness in the powerful Name of Jesus. That brings the flowers of grace. Strange as it may seem, there is a Moslem cemetery on Calvary now. This has prevented men from covering it with buildings.

When I lived in Jerusalem years ago there was a missionary here by the name of Miss Miller. She was walking past Calvary one day with some Jews. They looked toward the hill and began to spit at it. When she expressed surprise, they said they had been taught to do that, because it was their ancient place of stoning and cursing.

I pass Calvary daily. May it never become commonplace to me. Calvary rescued me. I owe my life to what happened there. The Man of the Cross forgave me.

I am living for Him. God meets me daily at Calvary as I pray in the Name of the One Who shed His blood on my behalf. To me it is not "a hill far away," for the site of the execution on "an old rugged Cross" is just a few minutes walk



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from where I am now sitting. It is a great privilege to live in the Holy Land and be here at Easter.

THE GARDEN TOMB

The ineffable joy of the Easter season centers around the empty Tomb, called in Jerusalem, the Garden Tomb and also Gordon's Tomb. It was found by a Greek owner of the ground in 1867. In 1883 General Gordon, who had become convinced that the Skull Hill was none other than Calvary, sought for the Tomb and rediscovered it. The ground, which now comprises the Garden, was purchased by popular subscription in England.

Those who directed the undertaking took the name, "Garden Tomb Association." The trust deed states that "The Garden and Tomb must be kept sacred as a quiet spot, and preserved on the one hand from desecration, and on the other hand from superstitious uses." This is one place in the Holy Land that has never been commercialized. There is no admission fee. Nobody asks you for money. The Garden is completely surrounded by a high wall.

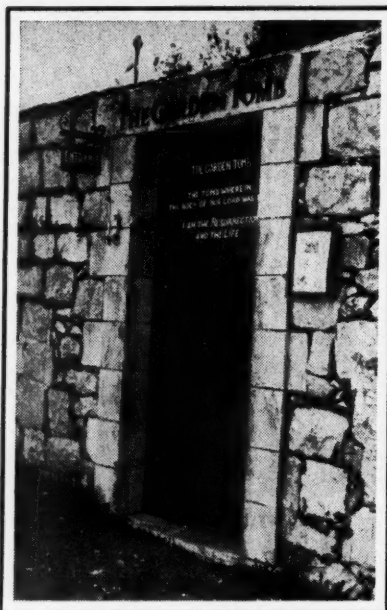
I was recently invited to make my home in the Garden. A small cottage, then unoccupied, was turned over to me. I am very happy in my new home.

The Warden, who looks after the Garden, is a saintly man, deeply devoted to the worship of Christ. He and his family live in the main building near the entrance gate. Above the door which is a niche in the wall, are these words: "I am the resurrection, and the life."

There is a handle, connected with a wire, at the left side. Pull it and you ring a bell inside the Warden's house. Probably one of his children will come to open the gate. Or I may be on duty to welcome you.

WALKING THROUGH THE GARDEN

The Garden is a most restful place. Stroll down the south side first amid the trees, hedges, bushes and flowers. Some have been planted as memorials to Christian friends in the States. Here



Entrance to the Garden of the Tomb

is a mustard tree with its very tiny seeds, used by Jesus as an illustration of faith. The juice of the hedge leaf was put in the vinegar they gave Jesus to deaden His pain. He tasted the pain killer and refused to drink. The drug is still used in this part of the world. We call it wormwood. In Psalm 69:21 it is called gall, a bitter herb. In Hosea 10:4 it is translated hemlock.

Hyssop is mentioned in the crucifixion story. This lowly plant also grows in the Garden. American visitors are intrigued because they do not have it in the States. Its thick, hairy leaves and branches are convenient for making into bunches for sprinkling purposes. David referred to it when being tortured by the pangs of conscience: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean."

Even the detail of the hyssop, a type in the Old Testament, found its fulfillment in Jesus on the Cross. "And they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth." There is much to learn from other plants in the Garden of the Tomb.

The Garden narrows at the end of the path. We rest a few minutes at an ornate stone bench on a little platform. With a bamboo fishing pole you could reach out and touch the face of the rocky cliff just to the left. That is part of Calvary. The portion that resembles a skull face is farther to the right. It is about a hundred feet from where you are seated.

Now, let us visit the main feature of interest, the Tomb itself. We follow another path close to the cliff, for the burial place is actually a cave in the lower part of this same ridge. We pass a large underground cistern, centuries old, used for watering the Garden. We descend a few stone steps, walk a dozen paces across solid rock and face the door of the Tomb.

On Easter Sunday morning, this year, with Christians from many lands, I will have the joy of worshipping at this place. In fact, I have been requested to conduct a service there every Sunday morning, nine to ten o'clock, when I am in Jerusalem. In my absence, another will preside.

The straight rock wall in which the door was cut has many marks that combine to tell a thrilling story. Here is the rock-hewn trench in which the great stone rested when Joseph of Arimathaea had put the body tenderly inside the premises. "And he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed."

Look on the right side of the door, over beyond the little window that gave enough light for the three women in the Tomb to see "a young man sitting on the right side." You will notice on the outside of the Tomb, a worn place to fit the edge of the "great stone" when it came against the door. The worn place shows that the stone must have been about eight feet high.

This huge boulder, like the obstacles in our lives, was NOT too great for the power of God because "the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." The angel did not remove that stone to let Jesus out, but to keep intruders from going in!

INSIDE THE TOMB

After the days of the disciples, a little Christian Chapel was built in front of

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the Tomb, using the front wall as its back wall. Then came Hadrian, the Destroyer. He tore down the Chapel and put up a heathen shrine to Venus. High on the left near the door are little niches carved in the solid rock. They silently prove that a temple of Venus was there. That was about 139 A.D. In the days of the Crusaders, a Christian Church was built in front of the Tomb.

Step high over the doorway and you find yourself in a small chamber where you may sit on a bench and meditate. A neat iron grilled partition separates you from the main part of the Tomb. That has been added in recent years. There is a gate in the partition, so that you may softly enter the room from which the message has gone around the world, "He is risen."

There are three rock-hewn graves for human bodies. Only one was ever finished. That is the one on the left, farthest from the front wall. It has a small ledge across its full width to serve as a pillow for His thorn-pierced head. At the other end, the hollowed out place gave room for His nail-pierced feet.

The fact that the Tomb was not finished bears out the description of Matthew 27:60 where Joseph "laid it in his own new tomb." Detail by detail, the picture fits. The place confirms the Word. The Tomb is only about a hundred yards from the place of stoning, Golgotha, Calvary, on top of this same rocky ridge. "The sepulchre was nigh at hand," says the record in the book of John.

We cannot see an angel there today with the natural eye. But there may be one. The three women "saw a young man sitting on the right side." One thing we can do, which the three devout women did, and that is "behold the place where they laid him."

The angel remained in the Tomb to prevent the women, perhaps, from touching the grave clothes until Peter and John had seen them. That was very important. It was the sight of the clothes that convinced the two disciples Jesus had been resurrected.

The clothes portray the greatest miracle the world has ever known. "And he (John) stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in." Peter was bolder. He came running after John and rushed into the Tomb. He saw something John could not see from the door for the clothes

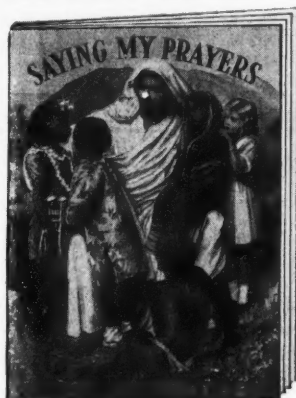
lay behind the ledge that obstructed a full view. Peter saw "the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself."

Had the linen clothes, lying in the coffin recess, been folded or strewn about the room, it would have suggested that the body had been stolen. But this was not what the visitors saw.

What they saw was the long, linen winding-sheet that had been wrapped around His body still twisted with the spices between the folds, and retaining the shape of our Lord's body. The nap-

kin that had been about His head still lay twisted around turban fashion, in the head position, but where our Lord's face and neck, which were generally left uncovered would have been visible, was empty space.

The body had vanished. No one had stolen it, or the clothes would have been disarranged. He had passed through the grave clothes leaving them intact, even as He later passed into the upper chamber, the doors being shut. It only needed a glance to show them what had happened. "They saw and believed, For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead."



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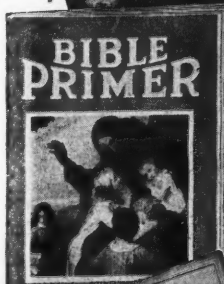
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By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

DR. J. R. HELLER, director of the National Cancer Institute, said on October 2nd, last year: "Of the present generation, fifty million will acquire cancer and twenty-five million will die from that disease."

These are frightful statistics but the death rate is being materially reduced because of the large numbers of cancer victims who are finding relief at the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic of Dallas, Texas.

I recently had occasion to be in Dallas. While there I went out to the Clinic at 4507 Gaston Avenue and talked with Dr. Hoxsey, various members of the staff and a large number of patients. In the spacious waiting room, I met people from different parts of the Country. Several States were represented.

Anxiety was written on every countenance. There is no fear, no terror, like that which settles upon the cancer victim when told the awful truth. I knew something of the mental anguish and inward torture these people were suffering, not to mention the physical pain. As a boy, at the age of nine, I fought a battle with cancer — and won.

At that time, the father of the present Dr. Hoxsey was treating the disease with the same system used today at Dallas. My parents had the Hoxsey treatment

administered, in my case, with the result that my life was saved.

So you can understand something of the feeling, the emotions, the thoughts that filled my mind and heart as I stepped through the front entrance of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic. I thank God there is such a place in the United States.

In talking with various patients, I learned that many had come from distances. Some were there as a result of hearing Defender Hour broadcasts, others from reading our books on the cure of so-called incurable diseases, or articles of a similar nature in The Defender Magazine.

Several were there from having talked with others, former patients, who had been cured at an earlier date. All were in a state of expectancy, daring to hope for the best, trusting that reports they had received about the Clinic were really true, waiting for a word of encouragement. Some told me how they had prayed and felt divinely guided to come there.

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Several had been given the death sentence back home before hearing that there was a place, a medical center in the United States, where cancer was ac-

tually being cured. Their family doctors, relying upon the futile methods of surgery, x-ray and radium, had given them up.

I saw people that day whose flesh had been mutilated and burned, perhaps beyond repair. One man in particular. He was in bad shape, having been cut with the knife and tortured by deep x-ray. He told me a pitiful story.

This man had several years ago heard about the work being done at the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic. Upon learning that he had cancer his first thought was to leave at once for Dallas, but members of his family persuaded him otherwise.

They had been misled by false propaganda circulated against the institution. They did not have a clear picture, a right understanding, or a record of results of what was actually being done in the control and cure of the dread disease. And so the poor man — a casualty to Morris Fishbein's propaganda, was persuaded to permit surgery and x-ray to be used. The horrible condition which I observed in talking with him was the result. He was wondering if there still might be hope.

It happens many times that people try other things first then, as a last resort, when everything else has failed, in a state of exhaustion, they find their way to Dallas. This makes Dr. Hoxsey's task the more difficult and causes him to lose cases that might otherwise be saved.



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I had a letter the other day from a former patient — a man given up to die but cured at Dallas, in which he expressed the opinion that the percentage of cures would be practically one hundred percent at the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic if they could get their cases in the early stages, before victims are subjected to the tortures of surgery, x-ray and radium.

ASSEMBLING CASE HISTORIES

I had a special reason for calling at the Clinic. It was my wish to engage the cooperation of Dr. Hoxsey and members of the staff on a certain project and I found them willing to cooperate.

They have at the Clinic pathological reports, complete documentation, of several thousand cases cured of cancer. These reports are scientifically prepared, as thorough and complete in every respect as one might expect to find in any clinic or hospital in the United States. And this, friends of the listening audience, is why I can come into your home by radio and say positively, without fear of contradiction, that cancer is curable, is being cured by the Hoxsey method. The proof is available. The kind of proof that has stood up in several grilling court cases.

Federal judges and juries are on record as finding that pathological reports in the files of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic are accurate, bonafide and reliable.

Very well, I asked Dr. Hoxsey and members of his staff for permission to send out letters to a number of these people saved from death, whose case histories appear in the files of the Clinic. They gave me stenographic help then and there, for getting the letters into the mail.

I dictated a number of letters to former patients and sent them air mail. I asked for permission to make use of their case histories on Defender Hour broadcasts. I asked them to write me, at Wichita, in their own language about their experience with the Hoxsey treatment, what it did for them and what they thought of it. Answers started pouring in by return mail.

This means that I have with me at the microphone tonight two sets of facts, two sheaves of papers. On my left I have the records of several cures from the files of the Clinic ... and on my right,

a number of letters from patients, confirming the clinical reports. I shall read as many on this broadcast as time permits.

MRS. A. L. EBEL

For our first case history we will go to Houston, Texas. Name of patient, Mrs. A. L. Ebel, housewife, age 55 at the time she entered the Clinic. Street address 6301 North Main Street.

History. Operated on by Houston doctor for cancer of the bladder March 18, 1942. Came to Clinic year and three months later suffering untold pain, traces of blood in urine, loss of weight and appetite, had to be assisted into building.

Diagnosis. Cancer of the bladder.

Treatment. Hoxsey internal medications started on July 7, 1953.

Result. Pain and hemorrhaging stopped after five days. Patient continued to show improvement and after nine months of taking the internal medicine weight had returned to normal, also appetite. Dismissed as clinically cured and has had no trouble since that time. Patient has been back to Clinic at stated intervals to be rechecked, found symptom free, testifies to good health, takes internal medicine from time to time as

precautionary measure, says it makes her feel better.

This concludes the record of Mrs. A. L. Ebel from the files of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic, of Dallas, Texas. I shall now read a letter that I received from her written December 13, 1953.

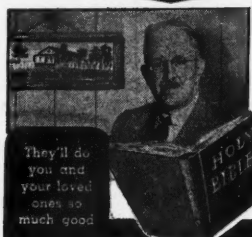
"Dear Dr. Winrod: Your letter received and contents noted. I am glad to answer and tell you of my experience with the Hoxsey treatment.

"On March 18, 1942 I was operated on here at Houston for cancer of the bladder. By the spring of 1943 it came back and I have no words to tell you how I suffered. I had to see the doctor once or twice every week. Had to take heavy sedatives, as my pain was so great.

"Finally the doctor told me I would have to be operated on again and take radium. I told him I would never be operated on any more as I had had the knife once and my condition was only worse, so why take it again.

"Not long after that a friend called on the telephone and told me about the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic. So I went there and was accepted as a patient. Five days after I started on the medicine I quit hemorrhaging. All pain left and it has

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"I have had many letters and lots of telephone calls inquiring about the Hoxsey treatment. I am always glad to answer that it is the only place in the world that I know of where cancer is really cured. I know what the Clinic has done for me and others."

W. E. HARMON

And now let us go to the little town of Grapevine, Texas. Turning to the records of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic, we find the name of the patient to be W. E. Harmon. Occupation, laborer on transfer line, age 56 when he entered the Clinic.

History. Patient complained of rough, scaly areas on right side of face for about two years, which grew and became open lesion. Loss of weight and appetite, swelling in glands of neck, suffering a great deal of pain.

Diagnosis. Biopsy by Marvin Bell, M. D., pathologist of Dallas. Prickly cell carcinoma, Grade 2, right side of face.

Treatment. Hoxsey internal medications, together with external treatment started December 13, 1938.

Result. After five weeks the cancer was removed and lesion began to heal. In eight weeks lesion completely healed.

However, as precaution, patient continued Hoxsey internal medications for seven months. Glands in neck returned to normal. Appetite improved. Patient regained weight. Has been examined several times and found to be symptom free. Last seen at Clinic February 5, 1952, said was feeling fine, enjoying life.

This, friends of the listening audience, is the case history of W. E. Harmon from the files of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic. I shall now read a letter which I received from Mr. Harmon a few days ago.

"Dear Dr. Winrod: In reply to your letter of December 14th, regarding the Hoxsey treatment, I will say that fifteen years ago an awful cancer showed up on my left temple. I learned of the Hoxsey treatment just in time, went to Dallas and was cured. There have never been any signs of it coming back.

"Have returned to Clinic several times for checking, with satisfactory reports. I am always glad to put in a good word for the Hoxsey treatment. I have told lots of people what it did for me. They went and were cured also."

W. W. LANKFORD

For our next case, we will go to Manitou Springs, Colorado. Name of patient W. W. Lankford, age 62 at the time he entered Clinic, August 2, 1948. Profession, Accountant.

History. Patient had small area on right temple which showed irritation. Started enlarging, becoming increasingly painful six months ago. Given two treatments of x-ray therapy by a doctor in his city. Area now protrudes. Patient also suffering from ulcerated condition of stomach.

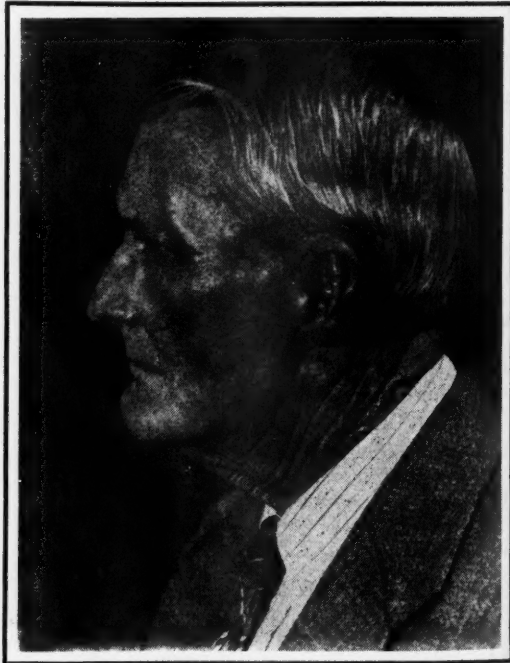
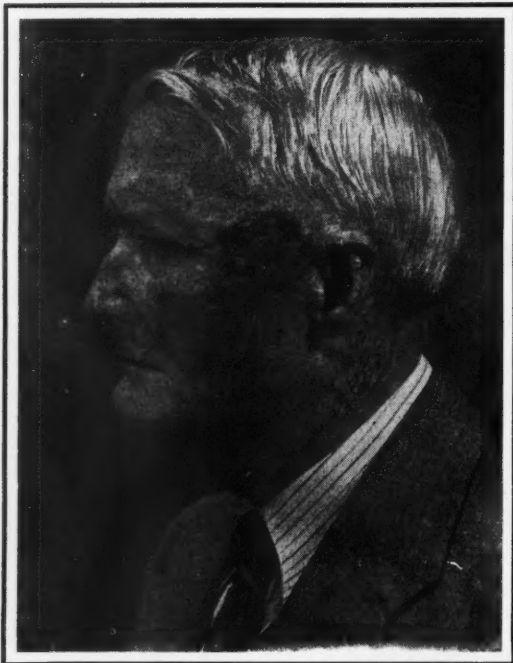
Diagnosis. Biopsy. Epidermoid carcinoma right side of face.

Treatment. Hoxsey internal medications instituted August 2, 1948. External treatment applied to cancerous area one month later.

Results. Two months after external treatment administered, cancerous mass completely removed and area started healing nicely. Three months later area completely healed. Patient on treatment total of nine months, dismissed symptom free. Had no more trouble with stomach condition after taking Hoxsey internal medications. Last visited Clinic for check up, November 24, 1953, feeling fine, no evidence of the old trouble.

This is W. W. Lankford's case history from the files of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic. I shall now read a letter that I received from him dated December 17, 1953. It is short, frank and straight to the point. This is what he says:

"Dear Dr. Winrod. In 1948 a cancer developed on my face. I took the Hoxsey treatment and enjoyed a positive cure. It gives me great pleasure to recommend this wonderful treatment to



W. H. Paschall, a Dallas real estate dealer . . . before and after taking the Hoxsey treatment for cancer.

anyone suffering with cancer. They saved my life at the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic. My condition had gone so far that, without their help, I could not have lived much longer."

A CHRISTIAN SERVICE

For the benefit of new listeners tonight, I would like to say that our interest in the Hoxsey treatment and other therapeutic systems discussed over the air and in Defender literature, stems from a desire to see pain and suffering relieved. With us, this is a ministry.

We are in no sense a medical organization but having seen beneficent results from the use of the Hoxsey and other methods of treatment, we feel a responsibility for passing the information along to others — after which, each individual must reach his own decision.

It is impossible for us to prescribe or advise anyone what to do in the treating of disease. Our responsibility ends with the presentation of the facts. We feel compensated when people write telling us of the cure of ailments, which spokesmen for organized medicine insist are incurable. And we receive many such letters. We only wish to be a blessing.

This is Gerald B. Winrod, thanking you for listening and saying ... May God bless you all.

My Redeemer Liveth

REICHEL was conducting the final rehearsal for his great choir for the production of the grand oratorio the *Messiah*.

The chorus had sung through to the point where the soprano solo takes up the refrain, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The soloist's technique was perfect—she had faultless breathing, flawless enunciation. After the final note all eyes were fixed on Reichel to catch his look of approval.

Instead he silenced the orchestra, walked up to the singer with sorrowful eyes, and said, "My daughter, you do not really know that your Redeemer liveth, do you?" "Why, yes," she answered flushing, "I think I do."

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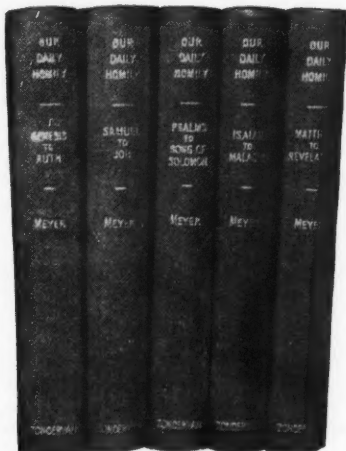
He motioned the orchestra to play again. This time she sang the truth as she knew it in her own soul and all who heard wept under the spell. The old master approached her with tear-dimmed eyes and said, "You do know, for you have told me."

The conviction and strength of knowing that our Redeemer lives is the great

motivating power that engenders the love and the *must* to tell to others. Christians have the responsibility of making known to those with whom they come in contact, the certainty of the experience which they possess in their hearts.

It is interesting to go through the Bible and run references on the word "testimony." Time and again children of the Most High God are described as winning victories because they conveyed to others an understanding of their personal heart experience.

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Dr. J. A. Brooks, the physician in charge, says: "The record of results from the Lincoln work at our institution during the past two years surpasses anything I ever thought possible. It is probable that we will continue for some time to speak of the Lincoln system of treatment as 'new,' but this is really not the case.

"Experiments were made as far back as 30 years ago, in the virus field, looking for beneficial bacteria that would destroy harmful strains in the human body which gave rise to disease. It remained for Dr. Robert E. Lincoln of Medford, Massachusetts to complete the task in 1946.

"Since that time there have been a sufficient number of cures, supported by clinical findings and complete documentation, to establish the therapeutic value of the system as a demonstrated fact."

The Rosedale Clinic is housed in an unpretentious building (a former residence), but according to testimonials by persons who have gone there from many parts of the United States, a most impressive record of medical achievement is being created on the premises. The Clinic will be moved to its new home in the near future. Many letters,

comparable to the two reproduced below, are accumulating in the files of The Defender Magazine.

Ft. Worth, Texas
2701 Scruggs Drive
February 23, 1954

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Dr. Winrod:

I am writing this hoping that someone suffering with asthma will find help and health as was my experience at the Rosedale Research Medical Clinic, here at Fort Worth.

In July 1951 I took what I thought was a cold and began coughing, choking and waking up in the early part of the morning. I went to a doctor and he said I had asthma. From then on I gradually got worse, having severe attacks, confining me to bed for three or four days at a time.

I went to several physicians, had chest x-rays taken, but nothing gave me relief. I finally was given an atomizer and prescription with which I could control the attacks, but I had to use it as many as four or five times a night. I was run down, nervous and irritable from lack of sleep, lost my appetite and did not seem to have sufficient energy to keep going.

This was my condition when I came to the Rosedale Clinic on November 14, 1953. After three weeks of treatment with the Lincoln Bacteriophage, I began to sleep better, improved gradually, and now I am having no trouble sleeping. My chest is clear and I feel like a different person.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Mrs. Curtis Bell

Chattanooga, Tennessee
March 20, 1954

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Dr. Winrod:

Some time ago I wrote you for information, as I was searching for a treatment of Diabetes as well as certain other conditions. You referred me to the Rosedale Research Medical Clinic, 1101 S. Henderson, Ft. Worth, Texas, and I feel that I would like to report to you some of the results of my visit to this Clinic.

When I went there, I was taking insulin daily and had been for a long time. I was instructed by Dr. Brooks to reduce the insulin dosage gradually after I started the treatment, and observing his instructions, at the end of four days I was off insulin entirely. I have continued the treatment, following instructions to the letter, and have not had to resort to the use of insulin since that time.

At first, this was hard for me to believe, but now I have been off insulin for six weeks and am feeling fine. At this writing, the laboratory tests show me to be normal. The surprising thing about the treatment for Diabetes, administered by Dr. Brooks, is that the material is very pleasant to take. It is NOT given by injection.

Your kind advice in behalf of my health problem has proved most helpful and I shall always be grateful.

Yours very truly,

(Rev.) N. E. Oplinger
Pastor St. Elmo Presbyterian Church
Chattanooga, Tennessee

A REPRESENTATIVE of The Defender Magazine recently visited the Rosedale Research Medical Clinic in Fort Worth, at which time the following interview was recorded.

Question: Dr. Brooks, tell us, please, in a few words, just why you think the Lincoln system for treating the many types of diseases will survive.

Answer: Simply because it is founded upon truth — upon natural laws which are immutable and indestructible. Physicians in all parts of the Country who have gone into the matter believe that when the medical history of our time is written at some future day

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Question: What is meant by the term "Bacteriophage?"

Answer: The word breaks down into two divisions. We are all familiar with the first part, *bacterio*, and the word *phage* means to kill. Therefore the meaning of the term is bacteria-kill.

Question: Can you state in simple language, for the laymen, just how the kill is made ... how the Bacteriophage operates in a human body to destroy harmful bacteria at the root of disease?

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Question: Would you care to develop that a little further?

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Question: As a general rule, do patients have to stay on the treatment for an extended period of time or are cures speedily effected?

Answer: Bacteriophage is a natural

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method, and nature does not always move as fast as we would like. Of course, it depends, in the last analysis, upon the condition of the patient. Ailments of long standing do not release their grip upon the human body as quickly as those caught in the earlier stages. At our Clinic we advise the average patient to be prepared to stay on the treatment at least 21 days, and severe cases often much longer.

Question: What are some of the more prevalent diseases, generally regarded as incurable, that you have seen cleared up here at Rosedale Clinic?

Answer: Chronic diseases such as Cancer, Bronchial Asthma, Arthritis, Tuberculosis and others, even in the most advanced stages, have been successfully treated. In most instances, the patient is quickly relieved of pain, and enjoys comparative ease, while the Bacteriophage does its work.

Question: Are users of this system of therapy encountering opposition and if so why?

Answer: I have heard that some doctors are having trouble, but this can be expected. The negative factor has to be taken into account wherever a constructive piece of work is being done. Even the Great Physician had enemies. The history of the medical profession shows that new discoveries have always been rejected in their generation, only to be defended and promoted in the next. Dr. Lincoln's discoveries are upsetting many accepted dogmas.

Question: Dr. Brooks, have you some personal word for the readers of The Defender Magazine before we sign off?

Answer: Simply this, that here at the Rosedale Research Medical Clinic, we hold the magazine, its editor and all the members of the Wichita staff in highest esteem. We think it is rendering a very important service and always keep extra copies on hand in the waiting room. It has been our privilege to receive a good many readers of The Defender at the Clinic and we have found them to be, in every instance, fine Christian people. I believe I can truthfully say that we share Dr. Winrod's attitude, stated in his words, "Whatever relieves pain and suffering is, in a broad sense, part of the program of Christ in the world and when accomplishing this objective we can consistently consider ourselves co-workers with Him."

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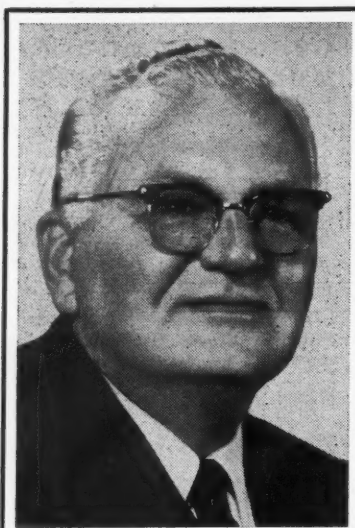
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I HAVE TOLD my young son that I would far rather see him take a "shot" of whisky than drink a five cent bottle of any of the cola drinks. That may sound odd coming from a father who never drinks liquor, but I will probably never give my son better advice on any subject.

So telling a child that you would rather see him take a "shot" of whisky than a cola drink may seem strange; but he will immediately feel and realize the ill effects of whisky ... whereas, a cola drink (like a snake in the grass) gives no immediate indication that it is removing the foundation of health from under the child, destroying his teeth, decalcifying his entire body, undermining his mental facilities, upsetting his digestive system, disrupting the body metabolism and retarding normal absorption of calcium and minerals essential to proper growth and health ... also terrifying is its lowering of the blood sugar, opening the door to many diseases, especially polio.

Both the American Medical Association and the American Dental Association are on record as being against soft drinks in the hands of our school children.

The Council of Foods and Nutrition of the American Medical Association writes:

"The Council believes that carbonated beverages should not be sold on school premises. It is obvious that a school lunch suffers gross deterioration when the beverage chosen in place of milk is a solution of sugar and flavored

water. Much sugar is consumed in candies and sweetened beverages, which carry nothing of nutritional significance except sugar. A disproportionate amount of candy and soft drinks is consumed by children.

"There is merit also to the suggestion that attempts be made through school boards to place a zone around school buildings in which the sale of candy and soft drinks would be prohibited."

The American Dental Association condemns the sale of candy and soft drinks in schools.

The Rhode Island Dental Society recommends a ban on soft drinks in all schools. Providence, Cranston, and other cities of the state forbid soft drinks in their schools.

The Journal of the Connecticut State Dental Association published a very informative article showing pictures of children's teeth ruined by the habitual use of colas. The Association called upon the State school officials to remove and bar the cola vending machines from all public school buildings.

The following is an extract from Bulletin 115 of the International Society of Osteopathic Sacroiliac Technicians, issued in 1950:

"Your typical polio victim is one who likes coffee, soda, colas and all soft drinks, salted peanuts, popcorn, sweets, pastries, white flour products, hot dogs, hamburgers, pasteurized milk and all such trash."

Dr. Benjamin J. Sadler, a former Government medical polio scientist writes:

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"I firmly recommend that the sale of all soft drinks be prohibited in schools, both elementary and high schools. I firmly believe that this prohibition will be an effective measure in the prevention of polio."

The high sugar content (up to ten per cent) of the cola beverages masks the acidity; and children little realize that they are drinking this insidious strange mixture of phosphoric acid, sugar, caffeine, dyestuff and flavoring matter. Phosphoric acid, pH 1.8, commonly contains impurities such as silica, iron, aluminum, arsenic (an accumulative poison), lead, fluorine, etc.

Phosphoric acid will break down the body lecithin, cause brain fog, neurasthenia, nerve breakdown, physical apathy, mental irregularities, anemia, polychemia, acidosis, renal (kidney) lesions, rickets, faulty calcification, a marked shift in bone structure, unsuccessful reproduction, tetany and prevents the normal increase in size of growing children. It will inhibit all basic alkaline salts in their normal functions. It will attack the teeth and all bony tissue.

Polio blood is low in calcium and invariably low in iron, possibly due to phosphoric acid preventing absorption of iron by forming insoluble iron phosphates.

The free phosphoric acid in colas could tie up iron, calcium, manganese and probably all the respiratory metals. When they can no longer function in the action of enzymes, cells cannot generate or regenerate and decomposition of body proteins follows that manifests itself in polio. Phosphoric acid slowly kills the life principle.

The findings of scientists with respect to the damage done by soft drinks containing phosphoric acid have not been refuted.

It is also reported that cancers contain an abnormally high content of phosphorous, a high phosphorous content is found in maniac-depressive insanity, and a disturbance of phosphate metabolism is found in the dread disease, leukemia.

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teeth. Experiments to prove this were begun during World War II at the Naval Research Institute and have been continued at Cornell University under a grant from the Office of Naval Research. Professor Clive M. McCay of Cornell University reports:

"At the Naval Research Institute we put human teeth in cola beverage and found they softened and started to dissolve within a short period. They became very soft within two days.

"In the intervening years, 1943-1950, we made numerous studies of the effect of these cola beverages upon the teeth of rats, dogs and monkeys. We have published data indicating that the molar teeth of rats are dissolved down to the gum line if the rats are well fed but given nothing to drink except cola beverage for a period of six months."

A human tooth suspended in a cola loses its calcium within two weeks.

The terrific phosphoric acid content of colas destroys body calcium sorely needed by nature to help prevent polio. Let us quote from a manuscript by Joseph C. Risser, M.D., broadcast over radio station KECA, Los Angeles, for the American Academy of Applied Nutrition on the subject of Nutrition and Healthy Bones:

"Delay in development of fragmentation of bone growing centers, porous or soft bone, are commonly seen in x-ray evidences, having appeared long before the attack of polio, strongly indicate that in the polio patient there was a pre-existing state of malnutrition."

With our children consuming cola drinks containing delimed white sugar, which tends to deplete the calcium in the body, and phosphoric acid, which is a calcium destroyer, no wonder these bone x-ray pictures tell the story.

Phosphoric acid, made by treating phosphate rock with sulphuric acid, and our children drink that stuff!

Calcium, from a nutritional standpoint, can be truly called the life mineral. In growing children, it represents better bones, teeth, nerves, etc. Now, let us quote from Prevention Magazine, July, 1950:

"According to 'Consumer Reports,' June, 1950, under the section 'Health and Medicine,' scientists are becoming alarmed at the augmented consumption of cola drinks throughout the country,

for it is known that the average 8 to 12-ounce bottled drinks contain as high as 10 per cent cane sugar and are highly acid. The sugar content helps to promote tooth decay and the acid nature of these soft drinks helps erode the protective enamel covering the surface of the teeth."

Let us quote from a special Reprint Number 11 by the Lee Foundation for Nutritional Research on the work of Harvey W. Wiley, M.D., the first head of the Federal Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Wiley writes:

"The effects of drinking caffeine on an empty stomach and in a free state are far more dangerous than drinking an equal quantity of caffeine wrapped up with tannic acid in tea and coffee."

Cola drinks are invariably consumed on an empty stomach.

Dr. Royal Lee, president of Lee Foundation for Nutritional Research, writes October 24, 1951:

"The cola stuff is loaded with habit-forming caffeine so that once the victim gets accustomed to the stimulant, he cannot very well get along without it. There is only one reason for putting caffeine in a soft drink — to make it habit forming. Dr. H. W. Wiley was right when he said it was against any food law to add it to a drink as an adulterant.

"Coca Cola is bottled entirely within State lines so that they do not have to ship any of it interstate as the Food and

Drug would seize it because of their failure to comply with labeling requirements, namely, specifying on each bottle that it does contain caffeine. In fact, in most States, it is a violation of law to sell a product of that kind and Wisconsin is one ... but regardless of the law, Coca Cola is the only bottled soft drink on the market that does not carry on its label, or even on the bottle cap as it is done in some cases, a list of its ingredients."

A child or adult who is not deficient in blood calcium and whose blood sugar is normal cannot and will not become a victim of polio.

Cola drinks are known and have been proven to bring about both of these subnormal conditions by depleting the calcium reserve and having the end result of lowering the blood sugar.

Back in 1900 there was so little polio that the disease scarcely was recognized. Sterile and overly processed foods are helping to breed a polio-susceptible generation.

If you will compare the increase in the consumption of soft drinks with the increase in polio, you will find they walk hand in hand down the road to destruction.

It is time for us to think and act! Certainly there was less polio when children drank milk direct from cows, ate blackstrap molasses, substantial nourishing foods, and did not know what cola drinks were.



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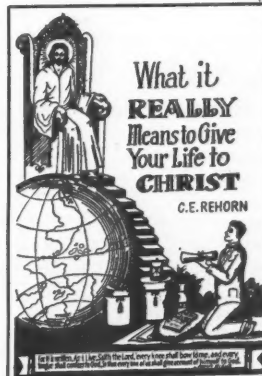
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THE UNTOLD STORY OF Mc CARTHYISM

THE ATTACK on Senator Joseph McCarthy has a Jewish base. This is the plain, simple fact which few of the Senator's friends dare to mention. And there are indications that he, himself, does not wish it mentioned!

American Jews have tried to keep down exposures of Communism because of its predominantly Jewish complexion. With the possible exception of one, every atomic spy so far exposed and prosecuted, has been a member of this race. Jewish names associated with Communism in a public way, tend to produce anti-Semitism as a defense mechanism.

This sensitiveness on the part of Jews explains, for instance, Mr. Truman's paradoxical behavior of fighting Communists in Korea and covering up for them in the United States. His administration was Jewish controlled.

Jewish newspapers and magazines in all parts of the Country, have unanimously opposed Senator McCarthy since the day he launched his crusade to drive the reds from government positions.

Yet the record shows that he has leaned over backwards to keep from offending Jewish groups, even to the point of engaging Roy Cohn as chief counsel for his Senate Investigating Committee. Cohn brought another Jew, David Schine, into the program with him.

But instead of satiating the wrath of organized Jewry, the presence of these two young men at the Senator's side, only served to infuriate the Jews even more. Cohn and Schine were branded traitors to their race.

In reality they were pursuing a policy which, in the long run, would save Jews trouble in this part of the world

(if the strange people who control their organizations could see it).

Senator McCarthy's *crime* is that he exposes and opposes Communists without regard for nationality. Jewish names mean no more to him than if they were Irish, English or German. In the eyes of organized Jewry this is an unpardonable offense!

When the Senator defended himself on the Fulton Lewis, Jr. radio program last month, he answered Adlai Stevenson by giving the names of three Communists recently expelled from government positions. Two were Jewish — Rothschild, Levine and Powell.

This was falsely interpreted as an anti-Semitic gesture. On the contrary, the Jewish ratio of Communists exposed by his committee is greater than two-thirds per cent.

Cohn had built for himself a record of prosecuting Communists, without consideration as to nationality, before receiving his appointment as counsel with the McCarthy Committee. He helped send Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to the electric chair. He prosecuted William Remington and drew up the indictment under which Owen Lattimore was arrested. Jewish witnesses whom he has interrogated have spat venom at him from the witness stand — openly accusing him of being a traitor to their race.

Drew Pearson, America's principal spokesman for Jewry, has twisted the facts with characteristic duplicity, and openly charged the Senator, Cohn and others engaged in exposing Communism as being anti-Semites. His syndicated column of March 2nd contained the following distortion:

"At Fort Monmouth, N. J. religious tolerance was not helped by McCarthy's focusing on Jewish workers for the

Signal Corps. Out of 19 people suspended, during and after McCarthy's probe, 17 were Jews ... Because of McCarthy's daily headlines and inflammatory statements, much of the general public still considers Fort Monmouth a nest of spies and unfairly thinks that most of them are Jewish." (Incidentally Pearson attacked the Editor of The Defender in this same column.)

The master plan for Senator McCarthy's destruction which his enemies now hope will come to fruition was mapped in the offices of Herbert H. Lehman, Jewish Senator from New York, and publicly presented on the floor of the Senate on July 20, 1953. Lehman concluded his speech with the following slippery words:

"For several months, in speeches and public statements, I, a Jew, sensitive to any religious bias, have been strongly critical of the behavior of these young men (Cohn and Schine), and have pointed out that they have been doing our country and the cause of anti-Communism great harm both here and abroad.

"I am very certain that most members of my religious faith, not as Jews, but as Americans, are anything but proud of these two young men."

During these intervening months, since Lehman laid down the pattern of attack, Jewish individuals and organizations have worked tenaciously, spinning a web in which to catch Senator McCarthy and his Committee. Their most effective work has been done indirectly, through fronts, by prompting others, to action.

Arthur Eisenhower of Kansas City, brother to the President, was first to accept the cue. Four days after Lehman's statement (July 24, 1953) he made headlines by blasting the Senator in a statement to Hank Greenspun, Jewish editor of the *Las Vegas (Nevada) Sun*.

In the present controversy, Senator McCarthy has truth on his side. The charges raised against him are artificial. No one familiar with the methods of psychological warfare used by the Jewish Anti-Defamation League, questions the source of his opposition.

Senator McCarthy finds himself in the position of the preacher who can safely condemn sin in general terms ... but members of his congregation will not allow him to condemn sin *where the sin is!*

Robert L. Pierce, Republican State Chairman for the State of Wisconsin, says that despite the abuse heaped upon McCarthy the last few weeks, he is today more popular with the rank and file of people than at any previous time — and this is probably true.

HOW RED ARE *You?*

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RECENTLY I had an interesting discussion with a prominent anti-communist, a lady who had been in the red movement and was one of the first to come out of the Communist Party and help government agencies engage in investigating subversive activities. She has given the last several years to the fight for America and has suffered much persecution.

We were discussing the subject of Communist infiltration of the clergy. She made a statement which I would like to develop further. She said that while it was important to know that men like Claude Williams, G. Bromley Oxnam and other clergymen had aided the Marxist cause for years, it was more important to know how red *we* are in our thinking, speaking, and writing.

The title of this article may have surprised you and even made you indignant. By the question we mean, "How successful has the red cause been in putting certain ideas into your thinking without your being aware of it?" Each of us can apply the question to himself.

The entire anti-Christian, anti-American movement is built around a hard core of Marxists. They have around them in turn a larger group of individuals who are not under red discipline, but who, for one reason or another aid the cause consciously, knowing perfectly well what they are doing.

Then in the ever-widening circle there are thousands more, yes, the figure might even be in the millions, who would be insulted if you told them they were parties to the communist conspiracy. Many of them perhaps even consider themselves anti-communist.

ALMOST EVERY MIND INFILTRATED

The reds have been so successful in putting forth their ideas, their propaganda, their smears, their lies for several decades, that many good Americans and even some clergymen have unknowingly absorbed these bits of misinformation and help promulgate them.

Now, perhaps, you can see why we might well ask the question, "How Red Are You?" Not that you are a red member of the Communist Party, nor a fellow-traveler ... perhaps not even a so-called liberal, but red nevertheless. There are shades of "red" in thinking, just as there are in color schemes.

This question, "How Red Are You?" is not directed to the Communist Party member, the voluntary fellow traveler, the self-styled liberal, but to those of us inside the Christian pale who have become the victims of Marxist lies repeated over and over. It should not be a matter of embarrassment to know that you have fallen victim to this trend, for it takes a thorough and long-time student of the subject to be able to distinguish what is going on.

The subversives do not care how much they have to lie and deceive to achieve their ends. That is the first and foremost rule of measure the Christian-American has to remember when dealing with this subject. The tricks which they have used and are using today are so diabolically clever as to suggest satanic inspiration.

Christians must understand that their enemies do not work under the same set of rules which would preside over a fair battle. No holds are barred. Any-

thing goes. You must expect the worst when dealing with Communists.

Were it not for the work which a handful of patriots have done in this Country during the last quarter of a century, I am convinced the conquest of our great nation by these forces would have been completed by now. Amid torrents of abuse, slander, villification, false arrests and other lines of attack, they have carried on the battle with God's help. The tide is not so far turned in our favor. It may yet overwhelm us. We must understand the nature of the enemy and not be surprised at any trick, any tactic, any deceit which he will employ.

Now let us examine some ways in which we can estimate the shade of our redness. There is no perfect barometer, but there are certain indicators. One will follow.

TERM "DEMOCRACY" USED

Christians and patriots need to be alerted to the Communist technique of attaching special meanings to American phrases. Red propagandists have built up a vocabulary of their own, prostituting such names as Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and others. One of their cleverest tricks was to have the United States continuously referred to as a democracy, which means mob rule.

People far removed from the Communist conspiracy are parroting the term. Many a child born at the beginning of the New Deal was reared to voting age with the idea that "democracy" and Democratic Party and the Government of the United States were one and the same thing. It will take years of re-education for the American people to understand that our Country is a Republic.

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maker of the Constitution" wisely stated:

"... between a balanced republic and a democracy, the difference is like that between order and chaos."

It was no accident that the word "democracy" was omitted from the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, Washington's Farewell Address, Jefferson's First Inaugural, the Monroe Doctrine or the Gettysburg Address.

CHRIST CRUCIFIED BY A DEMOCRACY

Our wise forefathers knew that in a democracy the will of the majority immediately becomes the law, after which minorities may be pillaged and plundered. Jesus Christ was the victim of democracy. If Pilate had operated his courtroom under the laws of a republic, he would have released Jesus despite the cry of the Jews "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

The crowd was so propagandized by the Jews that it screamed for favorable treatment for a known criminal, Barabbas, and demanded the death sentence on the innocent Jesus in whom even the Judge could find no fault. Evidence meant nothing. The mob ruled. Christ was crucified. A democracy did it. The majority won.

The founding fathers, therefore, deliberately chose a republic as our form of government, knowing full well the evils of a democracy.

Only in a republic like ours can the rights of the individual or the rights of

a minority be protected. If it has appeared in the last two decades that these rights have not been well protected in some cases, this is not the fault of our system of government, the republican system, but the fault of those entrusted with administering it.

The United States Army manual says: "The government of the United States is not a Democracy, but a Republic."

When you pledge allegiance to the Flag of our Country, you say: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the REPUBLIC for which it stands ..."

Each of us should politely correct anyone who uses the term "democracy" when referring to our nation and explain the truth. We well can wonder how successful the Communists have been in worming their way into American thought when we reflect on this one example alone.

INVESTIGATION OF THE CLERGY

At no point is the satanic character of Communism brought into sharper focus than when we consider how it has been able, in many instances, to infiltrate religious groups. A surprisingly large number of Protestant preachers have been carried on the crest of red propaganda.

This fact came to public attention when hundreds of clergymen were recruited and persuaded to put their names to petitions asking clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. Similar action was taken demanding that the House Committee On Un-American Activities be abolished.

It is almost axiomatic today that where clergymen have forsaken the truth of Christ's Deity, the total inspiration of Scriptures and other fundamental doctrines, and accepted the modernistic interpretation of Christianity, they have also succumbed to the Marxist teachings.

Many of these modernist clergymen are victims of the leftist National Council of Churches which is away from the fundamental teachings of the Bible and toward the socialist-Marxist point of view. They are being led astray by leaders who should guide them.

No American, much less any clergyman, if he is a true patriot, should object to answering the question, "Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?" They convict themselves if they refuse to answer or hide behind the Fifth Amendment.

MC CARTHY'S METHODS

A clergyman of conservative theology told me just recently, "I'm from Wisconsin and I don't like Senator McCarthy. I'm against Communism, but I don't like Senator McCarthy's methods."

I am positive this minister is against Communism, but in making his statement he was putting forth the view of the Communist Party, a view which they initiated and thousands of people are unconsciously repeating.

As a matter of fact it developed during the conversation that this minister knew very little about Senator McCarthy's methods and just because he lived in Wisconsin at one time did not qualify him to make such a statement.

Read the transcript of Senator McCarthy's exchange with General Zwicker which appeared in the March 5, 1954 issue of *U.S. News and World Report* magazine, beginning on page 90. You will have a new estimate of the Senator. People who were even supposed to be friendly to him, said he lost his temper at this hearing and placed himself in a bad light.

I read the transcript word for word and the only thing I can think is that Senator McCarthy exhibited a great deal of self-control when confronted with some of the worst forms of mental

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gymnastics. What he faced on that occasion would have tried the patience of Job!

And, we must remember, General Zwicker was sworn to uphold our Constitution and protect our Country, but according to his testimony he thought a man who had stolen \$50 had done something more reprehensible than a man who had been a member of the Communist conspiracy. If this case was Senator McCarthy at his worst, then his methods are not so bad.

I do not think, and I am sure every good American will agree, that we need to handle the red conspirators and their protectors with kid gloves and an undue amount of gentleness. The President and Vice President are not showing a very healthy attitude when they help hamper Senator McCarthy's work. They should not try to impede this exposure of Communists in high places.

Mr. Nixon's attitude comes as a surprise. We recall how he was villified during the Hiss-Chambers episode. Senator McCarthy is doing ten times the work and receiving smears, lies and villification a thousand fold greater than anything ever endured by Mr. Nixon.

"HOW RED AM I?"

Let each of us examine ourselves. Let us turn the searchlight within and ask, "How red am I in my thinking? To what extent have I been unconsciously warped in my mental processes? Am I repeating phrases coined at Communist sources and deposited in the public mind? Do I, by my behaviour, unknowingly aid the red cause? Has my brain been washed, to any degree, by Communist propaganda?"

Let us not work against those who are exposing the Communists. Let us not expect them to be perfect for they are only human beings doing a disagreeable job. Allow them as many imperfections and mistakes as we grant ourselves. Do not reject them because of one little thing you may dislike.

We need to get back to sound Christian thinking, to fundamental Americanism — with a love for God's Word and Country such as filled the hearts and minds of early Americans. In this brief article, a way has been considered and a direction given.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. J. B. Matthews, former research director for the House Committee On Un-American Activities, stated last month that he has the names of 8,079 Protestant Ministers who are direct supporters of the Communist apparatus in the United States. He said there are also Catholic priests involved in Communist Front activities and that the largest percentage of red clerics in any denomination is found among the Unitarians.

Although Leftist churchmen are in the minority, they have succeeded in getting themselves placed in positions of power where, by dictating church politics, great harm is being done the cause of Christ. Moreover, evidence exists that leaders among them are crossing denominational lines and working together according to a master plan for the purpose of (1) systematically infiltrating all church bodies and using them as vehicles for promoting un-American doctrines and (2) destroying the influence of the real opponent of Communism in the religious circles of the Country.

(The latter objective is sought by smearing, according to the Communist technique. Those who are faithful to evangelical Christianity and fundamental Americanism, and militantly opposed to Communism, are seeing themselves dubbed as members of a "Protestant underworld.")

None of the larger denominations are immune to red infiltration. The accompanying analysis deals with the problem now facing Presbyterians. It pulls apart the Letter recently sent 8,000 presbyteries over the signature of Dr. John A. MacKay, Moderator of the General Assembly.

The writer, a deacon in the Matthews Memorial Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of Albany, Texas, had during three years' active duty in the United States Navy in both the United States and Europe in World War II extensive training and experience in the recognition of Communist propaganda. He is now a Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He lived in Washington, D. C. for 20 years while his father, Thomas L. Blanton, who pioneered the exposure of Communist infiltration in American educational institutions, served as a member of Congress. He is a graduate of Princeton University and at one time was a member of the faculty of the School of Architecture of the University of Texas.

Mr. Blanton prepared his analysis primarily for Presbyterian churchmen but released it without copyright for general circulation.

LOYALTY TO TRUTH demands that some Presbyterian trained in the recognition of propaganda present to Presbyterians, clergy and laymen alike, a purely objective analysis of the General Council's letter, dated October 21, 1953, and issued to the press November 2, 1953, addressed to all Presbyterians.

Because no analysis has appeared (Dr. Carl McIntire's effective reply in *U. S. News and World Report* did not purport to be a propaganda analysis), I, who have had many months of training and experience in analyzing propaganda, particularly where it involves the security of our Country, feel compelled to take time from my business to dissect this letter and to demonstrate what it contains, not only to those to whom it is addressed but also to the General Council, for I sincerely believe they have no realization of the import of some of its propaganda.

The word *propaganda* is not opprobrious. There are all kinds of propaganda from the most idealistic to the most evil. Christianity itself has been spread by propaganda. Propaganda is a potent force in any area; witness the millions of dollars spent each year by industry for advertising. The "cold war" which Russia initiated against us has been fought with two weapons: that of economics and that of propaganda, and of the two, propaganda is perhaps the more powerful.

Without impugning the motive of the General Council or even suggesting that their intentions were not of the most Christian, it is my purpose to point out to Presbyterians including the General Council, who appear to have been made the innocent tools of some clever Communist agent, the letter's curious mixture of anti-Communist propaganda and clearly-defined Russian propaganda.

The Communist agent is probably not within the Presbyterian Church; he may not be even within the National Council of the Churches of Christ. But he cannot but be somewhere in the background—perhaps several persons removed from any member of the General Council.

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Of the two categories of propaganda, the first to appear is anti-Communist; I quote it: "Serious thought needs to be given to the menace of Communism in the world today and to the undoubted aim of its leaders to subvert the thought and life of the United States. Everlasting vigilance is also needed, and appropriate precautions should also be taken, to forestall the insidious intervention of a foreign power in the internal affairs of our country. In this connection Congressional committees, which are an important expression of democracy in action, have rendered some valuable services to the nation."

The next three paragraphs contain Russian propaganda and for my authority as to what constitutes Russian propaganda, I cite the releases of *Pravda*, the columns of *The Daily Worker*, the Peiping Radio, and the speeches and interviews of the Russian delegates to the United Nations.

The first element of it is the suggestion that the concentration of the American mind should be diverted from the threat of Communism. The purpose of this as Russian propaganda is to disarm us, and here I wish to emphasize that whenever I use the word *purpose* in connection with the Communist propaganda contained in the letter, it refers to Russian propaganda agents and not to the General Council whose purposes I do not wish to question. One of the prime points of Russian propaganda is that Soviet Communism holds no threat to free peoples.

The next element of Russian propaganda is the statement that "a subtle but potent assault upon basic human rights is now in progress." If this assault were attributed to Russian Communism, the statement would unquestionably be true and it would be direct anti-Communist propaganda, but the implication, as demonstrated in the paragraph which follows, is that the assault is being made by Congressional committees.

The Russian purpose is to bring our governmental institutions into disrepute. In the interest of truth, you should read in the reports of the Congressional committees which the General Council attacks in its encyclical and decide for yourself whether or not the committees are guilty of an assault upon basic human rights.

The next two sentences are: "Some Congressional inquiries have revealed a distinct tendency to become inquisitions. These inquisitions, which find their historic pattern in medieval Spain and in the tribunals of modern totalitarian states, begin to constitute a threat to freedom of thought in this Country."

Note that in the first sentence the inquiries have a "tendency to become" inquisitions. In the very next sentence the tendencies have already become inquisitions. What was merely a tendency in one sentence is made an accomplished fact in the next sentence. I ask that you familiarize yourselves with the Spanish inquisitions and the tribunals of modern totalitarian states, the Russian purge trials, for example, and decide for yourselves if they are the prototypes of Congressional inquiries.

This entire paragraph is rife with Russian propaganda in that throughout, its *purpose* is to undermine confidence in our Government. Are treason and dissent *actually* being confused by Congressional inquiries? Is the shrine of conscience and pri-

vate judgment *actually* being invaded by Congressional inquiries? Are un-American attitudes toward ideas and books *actually* becoming current because of Congressional inquiries?

Are attacks *actually* being made by Congressional inquiries upon citizens of integrity and social passion which are utterly alien to our democratic tradition? It is not within the province of my analysis to prove or disprove the statements, but Russian propaganda would have you believe that each of them is true. Keeping in mind the words of the General Council, "In the interests of propaganda, truth is deliberately distorted or remains unspoken," read in the hearings and reports of the Congressional committees and decide for yourselves the truth of the allegations.

In the next paragraph, the Russian propaganda is centered in the last two sentences, the first of which is: "Our national house cleansed of one demon, would invite by its very emptiness the entrance of seven others." The purpose here (and please remember that I am speaking of the purpose of the Russian propaganda agents which is quite different from the purpose of the General Council), is to minimize the threat of Communism by suggesting that there are seven other threats of equal or greater concern. The last sentence contains the extremely hackneyed Communist propaganda threat, long ago worn threadbare, of a "facist tyranny."

The paragraph under Numeral 1 contains Russian propaganda of the subtlest type and upon which an entire thesis could be written. It confuses authorities and allegiances. In recent months there has been a definite campaign to set the clergy above the law and to interpret any attempt to hold a clergyman responsible for questionable political activities as a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

At a recent meeting held in Cleveland and in which our Stated Clerk was one of the speakers, according to press reports, a minister of another communion in furthering this campaign, no doubt innocently, quoted as Scriptural authority for the idea this from the 105th Psalm: "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm."

The campaign seeks to distort the proposition of separation of Church and State to mean immunity of the Church from the authority of the State, and to discard Christ's admonition to "render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's." The General Council probably has not been aware of the existence of the campaign, and the idea in itself is so preposterous that it could never gain much headway. But it is easy to see Russia's *purpose* in propagating it, for if such immunity were established, she could plant spies in the role of clergymen and they could carry on their espionage under the protection of our laws. Her agents even could establish a splinter denomination which would be nothing but an extensive and protected espionage organization.

The first paragraph under Numeral 2 is Russian propaganda throughout with the exception of the first two sentences which are truisms we have heard all our lives. By their very familiarity and acceptability they disarm us for what follows. After them comes the first Russian propaganda sentence: "Despite the lofty idealism of many of our national leaders, truth



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Please read the entire paragraph carefully and analyze for yourselves each sentence. What does it all mean? In certain areas it is vague. For instance, how can truth be *silently* dethroned? And again, in "falsehood is frequently preferred to fact if it can be shown to have greater propaganda value," exactly what is meant? Are they truly implying that despite the lofty idealism of many of our national leaders, our Government is disseminating falsehood for the sake of its greater propaganda value?

Should we infer that the Communist atrocities in Korea announced by the Army are falsehoods, that the Rosenbergs really were not spies, and that the Communist charges that we engaged in germ warfare are actually true? The implications contained in the statement are overwhelming and I am at a loss to know the purpose of the General Council in including it, but its purpose for the Russian propaganda agents is clear-cut. It is to undermine confidence in our Government.

There follows in this same paragraph the part of the letter which to me is the most astounding of all: "According to the new philosophy, if what is true 'gives aid and comfort' to our enemies, it must be suppressed. Truth is thus a captive in the land of the free."

I wish to remind those who do not remember it that truth has always been *thus* a captive in the land of the free, for the fathers of our Country planned it that way. The Constitution's definition, in its entirety, of treason is: "Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort."

American men have submitted to death by torture in order to suppress what was true when it would give aid and comfort to our enemies. They did not do it "according to the new philosophy."

It seems absurd to have to point this out as Russian propaganda; its purpose as such is to soften the conscientious resistance to treason of those who have access to security information. By planting this in an authoritative Church letter, they seek to make it appear to be a Christian duty not to suppress the truth which would give aid and comfort to our enemies. This purpose, so remote from that of the General Council, will probably shock the members of the Council. I ask them to consider it coolly in the light of propaganda warfare and draw their own conclusions.

The first half of the first sentence of the next paragraph: "Communism, as we know to our sorrow, is committed on principle to a philosophy of lying;" alone is anti-Communist propaganda but it is vitiated by the remainder of the sentence which is Russian propaganda: "democracy, in fighting Communism, is in danger of succumbing, through fear and in the name of expediency, to the selfsame philosophy."

This carries us through approximately the first half of the letter. The second half is made up of straight-out anti-Communist propaganda, straight-out Christian propaganda and straight-out Russian Communist propaganda. For the sake of brevity only, I am not going to analyze the remainder in its entirety, but I do wish to bring to your attention two elements of Communist propaganda which are especially interesting because of the way they have been handled by Russia and her puppet state, China.

The first of these is the Council's admonition: "Let us always be ready to meet around a conference table with the rulers of Communist countries. There should be no reluctance to employ the conference method to the full in the settling of disputes with our country's enemies."

This is clever Russian propaganda and the key word is *around*. It is the use of the word *around* instead of *across*. To those who may think my statement is no more than a quibble

over words, I will say that single words can have great importance. A far-reaching Church schism resulted from disagreement in the interpretation of a single word. The Russian government has contended for a round table discussion to settle the Korean war. Should they achieve it, they would consider themselves and their puppet regimes in China and North Korea to be completely exonerated, before the world, of their aggression.

Should our Country permit our Communist enemies to sit around the table with our allies and us as friendly neutrals, rather than across the table as aggressive belligerents, Russia would have won by default a major battle in the "cold war" and the United States would be a party to the propagation of the worst kind of lie.

The last element of Communist propaganda I am going to mention is the Council's admonition for "talk, unhurried talk, talk which does not rule out in advance the possibility of success," etc. I realize the General Council did not include this for its value as Communist propaganda, but I am at a loss as to their purpose, for surely they were reading the press dispatches from Korea during the many months of excruciatingly unhurried talk at Panmunjom. Our Country has already tried this method almost to the point of exhaustion.

In the course of this analysis we have been examining the details of the letter at close range. Now let us back far enough away to see it in perspective. One can see it from two points of view: as an encyclical from the General Council and as a document of Communist propaganda. But the two aspects are so closely interwoven, it is impossible to separate the one from the other.

It is this intermingling of truth and fiction, of Christian ideas and Russian propaganda which makes it a work of art as a Communist propaganda document. In this form, it is of infinitely greater value to Russia than if it had come directly from *Pravda*, *The Daily Worker*, the Peiping Radio or Mr. Molotov. It takes on respectability and credibility, if not scrutinized, from the General Council who are completely innocent of its import. Probably very few members of the Council so much as read it before it was sent out.

The unwary reader is inclined to accept it as Christian propaganda in its entirety simply because it is signed by the General Council. And so, if it is not exposed as such, it becomes most effective Russian propaganda by directing our thinking into the channels they have created, and the General Council and 2,500,000 Presbyterians are never the wiser.

We should not reprove our General Council for this letter nor lose confidence in them as churchmen, for had they been truly aware of what it contained, they surely would never have sponsored it. Political maturity is not implicit in theological training and ministerial experience. While Protestant churchmen have learned that the "undoubted aim" of Communist leaders is "to subvert the thought and life of the United States," many of them have yet to realize the adroit methods they use in employing others to implement such subversion.

Other Christian denominations have been used by Communist agents in the same manner as we have been used. The ironical thing is that one of the chief ultimate aims of this propaganda is to destroy the Universal Church along with all civilized governments. And we Christians unwittingly pay the bills.

What can we do about it as individuals? Always this: whenever Communist propaganda is recognized, expose it as such. It cannot stand up before the light of truth. **AND IN THE CASE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL'S LETTER, WE CAN IMPORE THE COUNCIL TO REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF THE F.B.I. IN SEEKING OUT THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANTING THE SUBVERSIVE MATERIAL IN THEIR LETTER.** The Council probably are not even acquainted with him. But if the source is ever discovered, there will be found a thoroughly disciplined and extremely well trained agent of the Kremlin.

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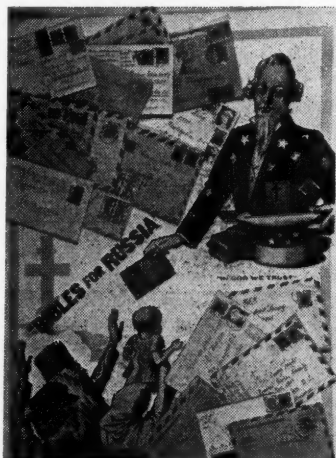
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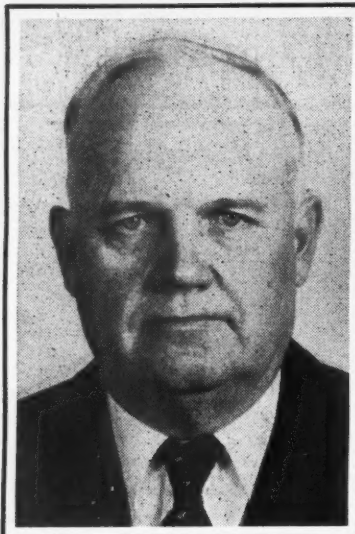
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RICHARD M. NIXON, Vice President of the United States, in a nationwide address on March 13, 1954, reiterated the astounding statement made often in the last presidential campaign that since 1945 Red Russia had incarcerated 800 million people behind "The Iron Curtain" without the loss of one soldier and without firing a shot.

(During the course of his speech, he spoke of Red Rats, and the reference no doubt caused many to ask within themselves where the principal nests could be located. My thoughts turned instinctively toward the U.N.)

Alert citizens realize that this great tragedy of Iron Curtain expansion has come about while the organization styling itself the United Nations has assumed direction of international affairs for all the world. This tragedy is only part of a diabolical conspiracy of the Reds to overthrow all the governments and enslave all the people of this earth, including our own.

This awareness makes us wish that

the Vice President had detailed some plan of the Eisenhower Administration to free at least one of these human slaves from Russia's gigantic concentration camp.

Since some 1,400 of them are our own military personnel who were drafted and sent forth to war, some proposal of some sort to deliver these human slaves from the iron claw of the Kremlin despots would have interested the patriotic citizenry of our Republic far more than Nixon's joinder in the attacks of Adlai Stevenson and the Red Echoes within our borders upon U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy for what is claimed to be McCarthy's excess of zeal in ferreting out Reds in public office.

McCarthy had recently caught Brigadier General Zwicker of the U.S. Army, in the very act of opening the door

of a trap in which a Red Rat had been caught and turning that rat loose. For some puzzling reason, both Nixon and Stevenson attempted to divert attention from the exact circumstances which gave rise to the most recent flood of criticism against McCarthy. Yet Nixon asserts that ferreting out Red Rats (to use his phrase) is an urgent public duty.

The queer coincidence that the official spokesmen of both major parties find it far more politically expedient to criticize McCarthy's methods than to join him in his efforts to rid the nation of these odious pests is a circumstance sufficient to create apprehension in the hearts of people who are concerned for the welfare of this Republic in its hour of peril.

The sordid fact is that modern civilization is in the throes of a world-wide revolution, the end of which no man living can foresee. This revolution has been boldly conceived and is being skillfully directed and executed. The object of the Red revolutionaries is to make the Red Dictators from Moscow undisputed masters of the world.

It is pathetic that the top leaders of both major political parties can find time to criticize McCarthy's methods of ridding the government in Washington of rats. It may not be considered amiss to suggest a somewhat larger program which should have long before occupied the attention of every major political leader. All have taken a solemn oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Specifically, this is the program: Since McCarthy is attending to the rats who have invaded official Washington, let him carry on at this job. Let these men who assume larger stature than a United States Senator direct their attention to the neglected task which is peculiarly theirs. Let them attempt to locate the rat's nest—even that of the old mother rat herself—and strike the problem at its source by annihilating the den from which rats steal forth to gnaw at the vitals of our Republic and spread the virus of revolution.

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clouds that they cannot see the odious realities upon the earth. They remain oblivious to the existence of this obvious rat's den in our midst.

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While the Red Rats from the Kremlin have been running rampant and unchecked over so many nations and peoples of the earth, exactly what organization has been pretending to have and to exercise the power specifically expressed in its charter to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war?"

What organization has usurped from the government in Washington, as well as all other governments on the earth, the power to preserve "fundamental human rights?"

What organization has been pretending that it was guarding zealously "justice," "the dignity and worth of the human person," "respect for obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law?"

What organization has by its studied indifference to realities paralyzed every effort of nations outside the Iron Curtain to develop and execute an intelligent and courageous program to combat the onward march of the conspirators from the Kremlin?

What organization has been pretending that it was maintaining "international peace and security?" What organization has actually assumed and exercised "strategic direction of any organized forces placed at the disposal of (its) Security Council?"

What organization has, through churches, schools, the public press, and every agency for disseminating information to the public assiduously indoctrinated our people into the belief that the world is at peace, and that peace like a dove rests in the hollow of its hand?

YES, LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD

The U.N., as the end result of its endeavors, presents us a world in turmoil and disorder, where class is being set against class, sect against sect, race against race, and in which internal dissension and disorder, financial chaos, corruption of public and private morals, all seem the studied objective of mysterious forces whose influence is felt, but whose true authors lurk in the darkness.

Loyal and capable public leaders find themselves the victims of inspired and skillfully directed calumnies, slanders and distortions. So vicious is this racket that worthy men hesitate to assume positions of public responsibility.

The forces pursuing such policies appear to be directed from a common source. They move in unison and with precision to accomplish their lethal objectives. They attempt to destroy our worthy public leaders and set up strawmen to direct our destiny.

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When U.N. blandly welcomed Joe Stalin as a new prince of peace what were the realities? The Red Revolutionaries had tortured, enslaved and massacred millions of innocents within their own borders. The blood of fifty thousand Polish patriots cried from the ground for revenge against the inhuman ogres at Katyn Forest.

Obviously any proceeding for bringing war criminals to account should have promoted the case of the People against the Gangsters in the Kremlin to first place upon the docket. But the Rat Infested U.N.O. not only absolved the major war and private criminal upon this earth from his crimes, but christened him "Good Old Uncle Joe," and actually installed him as driver of the peace chariot without a blush of shame.

WE RETREAT FROM VICTORY

The amazing fact is that instead of sensing the peril, our responsible public leaders with but few exceptions, having been duped by U.N.O., lay down supinely and fell asleep. On orders from Washington our armies actually threw their weapons and munitions of war, even to such items as watches, tanks and amphibious tractors, into the sea. Our armed forces were demobilized, though many far down in rank knew that someone had blundered.

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The United States of America retired from the field of battle, the while our most dangerous enemy quietly moved into strategic positions, strengthened his forces, consolidated his gains behind the Iron Curtain and went forward unchecked with his plans to conquer the world.

Note the preamble of the Charter of U.N.O. It promises in vague generalities all things to all men, peace, fundamental human rights, equality of sexes and of races and of nations, social progress, better standards of life in larger freedom, tolerance, security, economic and social advancement. Have not these glittering but visionary generalities a familiar sound?

Then recall again the situation that existed behind the Iron Curtain at the very moment the signature of Soviets was appended. There was not one stated purpose or principle of the Charter that was not at the very moment it was signed being flagrantly, notoriously, and brazenly violated as an established and well ingrained public policy throughout the vast domain which Stalin ruled with an Iron Rod. No actual reforms were undertaken, guaranteed or contemplated, either there or elsewhere among any of the fifty nations good, bad and indifferent, which in one way or another were inveigled into joining in the Kremlin's own permanent peace and welfare program.

The Red Revolutionaries had moved to the center of a senseless mob of polyglot, hand-picked and in many cases secretly corrupted politicians at San Francisco. They had taken hold of the steering wheels with boldness. They had not even been obliged to do lip service to the principles of the Holy Law. They were like a gang of hoodlums who, having robbed a bank and desiring to make off with the loot, run down the street shouting "Thief, thief" at some innocent figure in the distance.

SUCH IS THE RECORD

Such are the slimy trails which lead to the inescapable conclusion that the den of the Red Rats upon our shores is in the ornate halls of the U.N.O. There loyalty to any nation or any flag is considered outmoded. Slyly sowing the seed of sedition, scheming, advancing deep and devious plans to take over the government of the world, including of course the United States of America, is upon the agenda of every day's proceedings. Grandiosely, heady egoists meander about with mad schemes to promote deceitfully and by artifice and

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under other names, the Red Revolution. Propaganda is initiated to popularize Un-Americanism and to promote disrespect for the existing order everywhere.

The overall program, refined and summarized, is one to promote the false doctrines tailored to the needs of master conspirators in the Kremlin. Such doctrines are in part: That Communism is the established and recognized New Order for the World; that all ancient, trusted and tried methods of government, of ownership and control of property, our religious and moral concepts are outmoded. That minorities of every class are exploited—except in Russia. That every man elsewhere has a just cause for, and obligation to, rebel against all society. That revolution is inevitable. That war under any circumstances and for any cause is too horrible for us to contemplate; that we are weak, Russia invincible.

To this amazing array of evidence we direct the attention of Mr. Adlai Stevenson, of Mr. Richard Nixon, and of President Eisenhower and all others in positions of public trust and responsibility. We assert that the Rat's Den upon our shores ensconced in the luxurious halls of the U.N.O.

And we, Patriots all and proud of our patriotism, solemnly implore you, and each of you, and every citizen of high or low degree, who is mindful of the debt we owe to our ancestors and to our children to unite and fight to the death to exterminate this Den of Red Rats within our borders. Only thus, we are firmly convinced, may we preserve a free nation, a just and orderly government of, by and for the people.

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- II The Traveler—"me"
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 - 2 Have not had experience.
 - 3 Need just such a guide as Jesus.
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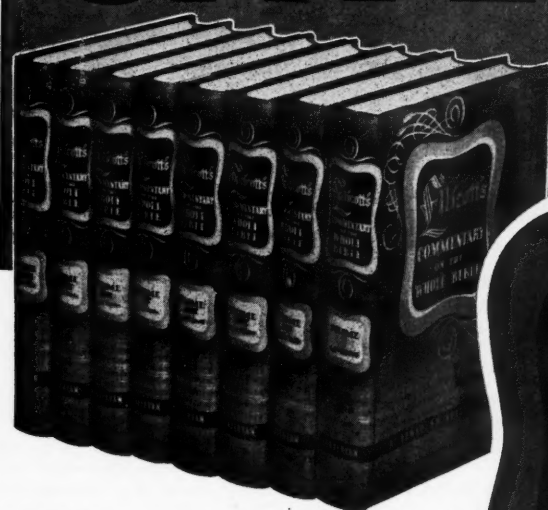
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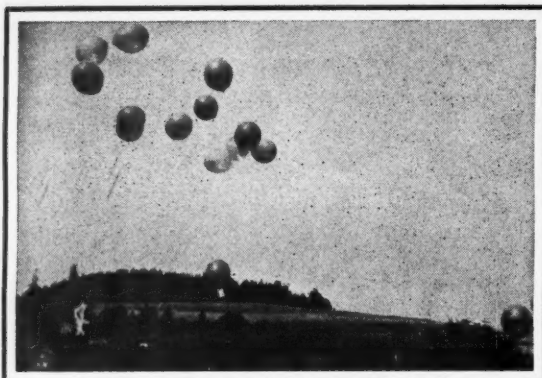
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BOMBING RUSSIA WITH BIBLE BALLOONS

EVANGELIST BILLY JAMES HARGIS
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AT THE 1952 British Isles Regional Convention of the International Council of Christian Churches (not to be confused with the World Council) held in Edinburgh, Scotland ... I was appointed chairman of a committee to balloon copies of the Word of God into Iron Curtain countries.

Dr. Carl McIntire, President of the Council, presided at the Edinburgh sessions and made the appointment. The project was successfully consummated in 1953, but not without difficulty.

After months of careful planning, I flew last August from New York to Europe to carry out the assignment.

Ten thousand balloons had to be manufactured; over 60,000 Bible portions printed in Russian, Polish, Slovak and Czech languages; the literature packed in small cellophane bags and tied to the balloons. The matter of choosing the right places to release them, near Iron Curtain borders, involved decisions of great importance.

Communists had to be kept in the dark while preparations were being made, lest they should try to sabotage the effort or be ready to shoot down the winged messengers.

General Mills Corporation of Minneapolis contacted my committee in advance, supplying without cost, important data they had collected when sponsoring the original Crusade for Freedom Balloon Drive in 1951. The company had hired the best meteorologists and engineers to determine the type of balloon to use, the logical places to launch them and the approximate number of people we could expect to reach on the other side.

It seemed wise to make Nuremberg headquarters for the project because of its nearness to Czechoslovakia. Tentatively, we chose the Bavarian Forest as the launching site but this was changed later.

German Pastors gave wholehearted support to the undertaking. The same

was true of Christian refugee families, many of whom had friends and relatives in areas where the balloons were sure to land.

Four members of our committee reached Frankfurt, Germany on August 19th and were courteously received by the American Occupation Forces. We carried a letter from the State Department at Washington approving the effort, assuring us of complete cooperation.

Mr. Lowell Clucas, who handled Public Relations for the United States in Germany, seemed much interested and gave immediate clearance. We supposed everything was ready for B-day (Bible day).

That was Saturday, August 29th. We were destined to receive a shock the following Monday. Occupation authorities reached me with instructions to drop everything. We were told that previous approval granted by Mr. Clucas had been withdrawn and that the balloons could not be flown.

Special prayer meetings were called. Press conferences were held. A member of our committee flew from Germany to Washington. Finally, on September 1st, Mr. Lincoln White, of the State Department at Washington, issued a statement which contained these words:

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On September 19th, the remaining 6,000 were sent on their way from Cham, Germany, intended for Czechoslovakia and Poland. The wind blew just right. In the lower air, the wind blew toward the west, while in the upper air the balloons flew east, making a nice loop. It was a wonderful sight to see these objects disappear in the heavens, winging their way into countries where Christians are deprived the privilege of serving Christ openly.

We did not learn until some time later that James B. Conant, who had been recently appointed chief representative of the United States in Germany, gave the order forbidding us to fly the balloons — which order had to be countermanded by way of Washington.

After much thought and prayer, it was decided that the program should be repeated in May of this year, with twice the number of balloons (20,000) being used. By the time this article is delivered to Defender readers, I will be in Europe working on the project.

Any doubts that may have existed as to the effectiveness of our efforts were dissolved when, on October 23rd, last year, press representatives of the North American Newspaper Alliance in Europe, wired this story to newspapers in the United States:

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DR. J. S. SCHIRMER

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Dr. Gerald B. Winrod
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Dear Dr. Winrod:

Knowing of your interest in the work of Dr. Schirmer and the Corning Research Hospital, I feel sure you will be interested in my case. Your voice over the radio has enlightened many regarding the existence of cures for diseases which certain groups say cannot be cured.

I learned through you of the Lincoln treatment as given at Corning and shall never cease to thank my God for the way you are giving this needed message to the world.

I arrived at Corning on the 11th day of September, 1953 a sick and doomed man with a history of having cancer of the stomach and large bowel with a ventricular hypertrophy and aortic stenosis associated with a mitral insufficiency. I was requiring, at intervals, 500 cc's of whole blood transfusions.

I am a married man, 80 years of age. I was weak and was suffering loss of weight with a catch in my back over the right and left kidney. I was rapidly growing worse. I was told at Corning of my grave condition and was advised to interview patients undergoing treat-

CURES AT CORNING

ment for similar conditions before taking treatment. I was told that I could take a trial course of the Lincoln therapy and if I felt I was not responding could discontinue any time.

I received a thorough physical examination from the top of my head to my feet. X-ray pictures were made of my heart, chest, stomach and bowels; a great deal of laboratory work was completed. I was then informed that a large portion of my stomach was carcinomatous and that I had carcinoma of the large bowel and was also suffering from a left ventricular hypertrophy and mitral insufficiency as well as an aortic stenosis. I decided then I would undergo treatments. This was September 14, 1953.

Words cannot express my gratitude to you, the Corning Research Hospital and its staff for the wonderful progress made. I have gained weight and strength. I do not feel like I have the same heart, as when I entered that institution. My cancerous condition improved almost from the beginning.

Though I received no promises or encouragement from members of the hospital staff, I was greatly lifted in my spirits by talking with many patients who were taking the treatment.

I learned from one man that a large

cancerous mass, measuring three inches in diameter and raised two inches above the spine, fell off and healed over, after other hospitals had even refused to take his case. I also saw a Minister, with three large cancerous masses on his arms, who returned home shouting God's praises. I talked with dozens of other patients whose cures were as remarkable as these I have related.

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In closing I want to again express my appreciation to you, Dr. Winrod, for what you are doing in making the truth known. May God spare you many years to carry on the great work that He has allotted to you.

With sincere gratitude,

Respectfully,
W. L. Thatcher

Biloxi, Mississippi
Route I
January 14, 1954

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Dr. Winrod:

I feel that you saved my life by printing articles in *The Defender* about the Corning Research Hospital of Corning, Arkansas and I want to take this opportunity of reporting my experience while there.

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After reading articles in The Defender, I decided to go to Corning Research Hospital for examination. I was admitted August 5, 1953. My condition was regarded as grave. I had considerable laboratory work done including blood chemistry, feces and numerous x-rays and the best physical examination I ever underwent. I was informed by the Doctors that I had a large carcinoma developing into a proliferative papillomatous lesion well above the sphincter and protruding from my rectum.

I was suffering from severe gas pains, a smothering sensation and felt like the large intestine was blocked. My heart action was very irregular and slow with a rate of 64 beats per minute. My liver and spleen were slightly enlarged. My abdomen was quite distended from gas and sensitive to the slightest pressure.

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I report to the Hospital regularly for check-ups, x-rays and laboratory tests. My last check-up showed me to be symptom free. Bacteriophage therapy administered at the Corning Research Hospital, I feel, is the cause of my being alive today and I am writing to encourage you in enlightening victims like myself to at least try the treatment before submitting to surgery, x-ray or radium.

It is indeed a shame that this treatment has not been accepted and given general use throughout the nation. I honestly feel no greater blessing could be bestowed upon man.

With my most sincere gratitude, I remain

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WHILE the canonicity of the book of Hebrews has never been questioned, its authorship has precipitated controversy. Although circulated anonymously among Hebrew Christian converts in many Churches, Paul is favored as the writer by most scholars. Chapter 13 and verse 23 of the book seems to support this view.

Clement of Rome quoted copiously from the document, using it just as he did other books of the New Testament. He says that Paul prudently omitted his name because there was widespread prejudice against him among Hebrew people at the time.

Some have noted in it a similarity of style to that of Luke's writings, but this may have resulted from his having been so long a companion of Paul. Chrysostom, comparing Luke to Mark, says: "Each imitated his teacher. Luke imitated Paul, flowing along with more than river-fulness; but Mark imitated Peter, who studied brevity of style."

Internal evidence favors Pauline authorship. The thought treated at such length in this Epistle that Christianity is superior to Judaism, inasmuch as the reality surpasses the type, is a favorite one with Paul (II Corinthians 3:6-18; Galatians 3:23-25; 4:1-9, 21-23).

The description of the Eternal Son in Hebrews 1:3 finds a counterpart in Philippians 2:6 and Colossians 1:15-20. His lowering Himself for our sakes in Hebrews 2:9 reminds us of II Corinthians 8:9 and Philippians 2:7-8. His final exaltation in Hebrews 10:13 and 12:2 blends with I Corinthians 15:25-27.

The word "Mediator" of Hebrews

8:6 is a favorite with Paul as indicated by Galatians 3:19-20. The doctrine of Justification by Faith presented in Hebrews 10:38 and 11:7 is the language of Romans 1:17; 4:22; Galatians 3:11 and Philippians 3:9.

In Hebrews 4:12 the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, the same as Ephesians 6:17. Immature Christians are described as needing to be nursed on milk, whereas those who have reached maturity can take stronger spiritual food in Hebrews 5:12-13 as well as I Corinthians 3:1-2; 14:20; Galatians 4:9 and Colossians 3:14.

Salvation is represented as a boldness of access to God through Christ in Hebrews 10:19 and Romans 5:2, also Ephesians 2:18; 3:12. Afflictions are a fight in Hebrews 10:32 and Philippians 1:30. The Christian life is a race in Hebrews 12:1 and I Corinthians 9:24, also Philippians 3:12-14.

There are other points of similarity between Hebrews and books known definitely to have been written by Paul. Someone has said: "If Paul did not write this book, he had a good imitator."

The document follows a clear-cut pattern and design. It was the writer's aim to demonstrate the superiority of Christianity over Judaism, because introduced by One of a higher order than angels or Moses and the Law; that He is the substance, of which numerous Old Testament types are but the shadow, and that the type necessarily gives place to the antitype.

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the believer as being no longer kept at comparative distance from the Father as under the Law, but enjoying freedom through the opened veil of Christ's flesh. This called for a warning against the danger of apostasy, lest at any time one might let precious truth "slip." (Hebrews 2:1) The book concludes with a series of practical exhortations and pious prayers for its readers.

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"Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet." Hebrews 2:8.

The writer quotes Psalm 8:4-5 as the starting point for explaining why the Son of God had to become man.

"What is man?" The heathen regards man as inferior to birds, beasts and creeping things, before which he kneels in agony of soul. The materialist thinks of man as a mechanism, produced by chance, the product of natural forces. The evolutionist assigns him a common origin with the beasts and fills his veins with the blood of something akin to a gorilla. What mistaken ideas have developed to take away the God-given dignity of man!

"God created man in his own image." Although that image became marred and tarnished by sin, the Creator remains "mindful" of man. He has a tremendous investment in him. According to John 3:16, one soul is worth more than a whole world. Bigness is not greatness. An infant in a crib is worth more than the tallest mountain.

He who was above angels became lower than angels for a time, to lift man from his abasement and set him on His own glorious level. Jesus entered a humble station that He might die for the sins of the world and by a resurrection raise redeemed souls to the position where they can share with Him His indescribable glory.

II.

"Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." Hebrews 7:17.

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Salem was a moral oasis, in an ancient world of vice, lawlessness and depravity. The contrast was due to the personal influence of King Melchisedec, who was also Priest of the Most High. He bore a special Commission and appeared on the scenes for a specific purpose, as a type of the King and Priest of heaven who would come later.

Jesus is highly exalted. He is justified in demanding homage from every knee, and confession from every lip. He bases His royal claims, not on hereditary descent, but on the fact of obedience that took Him to the Cross. He is both the King of glory and the Lamb of God.

He cannot fulfil for us the office of Priest unless we give Him complete recognition as King. Many fail to grasp and enjoy the full content of Priesthood of Christ, because they are not willing to admit His claims as King. They do not reverence and obey Him. They divide their loyalties between Him and the world.

III.

"The just shall live by faith." Hebrews 10:38.

It should be borne in mind that this Epistle was written for Hebrew Christians, many of whom were still wavering between Judaism and Christianity. Jesus had said that new wine skins would be needed to accommodate the new truth of the Gospel.

The old organization had become corrupt and outworn with age. Several thousand rules and regulations had been added to the simple provisions of the Decalogue. This caused "heavy burdens" to be placed upon the people. (Matthew 23:4)

Leaders of Judaism were making a real fight, determined if possible, to wean the Christian converts away from the simplicity and spiritual demands of the new faith. The teaching of the Epistle that the believer had direct access to the Holy of Holies of God's presence without going through lengthy ceremonial routines was repugnant to those bound by the old system.

Direct communion with the Heaven-

ly Father became possible through Christ. It is our privilege to make Him a confidant and friend, into whose secret ear we may pour the whole story of sin, sorrow and suffering. Nor need the memory of any past sin plague us, because the blood of Jesus Christ assures forgiveness and cleansing.

All of these eternal riches become the possession of God's children through simple faith. Intellectually, we know the Holy of Holies is open, and by faith we enter.

IV.

"For our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:29.

The thought of fire quickens a two-fold reaction. While it is a synonym for horror and dismay, yet it also suggests pleasure and good will. When laws of nature are violated and fire is put to wrong use, it can become a criminal capable of spreading fear, suffering and confusion. On the other hand we think of comfort and blessedness in the tender glow of friendly firelight.

When, therefore, God is compared to fire, the terrible aspects of His nature toward sin must be considered. But this is not all. His beneficent qualities, for the purification and comfort of the soul also appear before us.

God was revealed in the thunder and flame and smoke, like the roar of a thousand furnaces, at Sinai. But He was also revealed in the delicate glow of "a pillar of fire" by night. On the day of Pentecost, there was a mighty rushing wind, and moments afterwards each apostle was clothed in a halo of holy flame.

When we yield to God's love, He enters our moral natures and becomes within us a consuming fire to consume evil dross. In our natural state we are dark, but when He comes to abide, the shekinah begins at once to glow in the Holy Place of our innermost hearts.

V.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8.

We change with time, but not so with our Lord. Perhaps you have contrasted a portrait taken in the past, with your present self. The hair was raven and

thick, but now it is streaked with grey. The face was unseamed by care, but now it is weary and furrowed. With God the great I AM, and His Son, there is no such deterioration.

In His earth life, wherever we catch sight of Him—on the mountain side or the lake, beneath the olive trees in the evening, at work in the sunlight, at prayer in the moonlight, at supper in the upper room, He is always the same Jesus.

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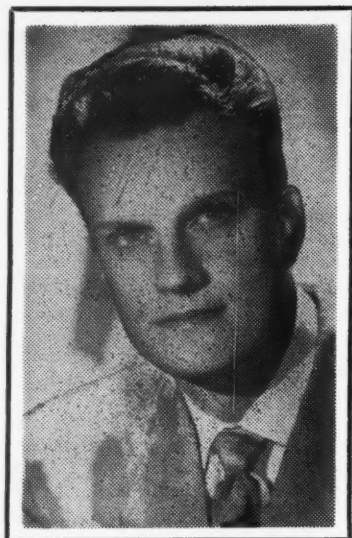
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There are many things you still do not understand. There are many mysteries. There are many problems that baffle you. But down underneath it all is that inward relaxation and peace that will lead to confident living. You have found that there are many advantages to the Christian ideal that challenge any other philosophical concept. Materialism, Communism, and all the other philosophical interpretations do not hold a candle to what Christ offers.

Dr. Thiessen in his work on *Christian Ethics* has listed several advantages which we will give here: First, there is *sonship*. The moment you accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour you were

adopted into the family of God. You are now His child. You have certain privileges and responsibilities that only royalty can know. Royal blood is in your veins by adoption. You have become a member of the family of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Second, you are an *heir*. The Bible teaches that when you were born again, your new position in Christ has made you a joint heir with Christ. You are now heir to all things.

Third, there is *peace*. Peace can be experienced only when you have received divine pardon—when you have been reconciled to God and when you have harmony within, with your fellow man and especially with God. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." But through the blood of the cross, Christ has made peace with God for us and is Himself our peace. If by faith we accept Him, we are justified by God and can realize the inner serenity that can come to man through no other means.

When Christ enters our heart, we are freed of that haunting sense of sin. Cleansed of all feeling of contamination and unfitness, we can lift up our heads secure in the knowledge that we can look with confidence into the face of our fellowmen. "When a man's ways please the Lord he maketh even his en-

emies to be at peace with him." Even more important, we know that we can stand before God in the hour of our death with this same feeling of peace and security. Communism nor any other philosophy can promise as much.

The fourth great benefit that is derived from a knowledge of Christ is *spiritual life*. In his natural state, no man is fully aware of the wrongness of his past life, but he is aware of the deadness of his soul. Those not acquainted with theological terms may not express their inner feelings in quite this way, but they are conscious of them.

All natural men wonder at times at their own indifference to right and wrong. They are disturbed at their own willingness to compromise in the face of obvious injustices, to settle for the expedient thing rather than the right thing. Even the most calloused sinner experiences moments when he wishes he could be good. The most hardened criminals, the most brazen prostitutes are all aware of the deep, all-but-smothered longings within themselves to be something better than they are. Unconverted men and women who try to live a decent life are acutely aware of how far short they fall of their goal, and the tragedy is that so many of them do not even know that they are failing because they are dead in sins and trespasses and must be made alive through Christ before they can live according to spiritual laws.

Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." And Paul stated, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

To be born anew in Christ means to be born to new ideals, new aspirations, new hopes, and new abilities to achieve these fresh new goals. Christ as Lord and Master has given you a new life. You have been born again.

Fifth, there is the *joy of Christian fellowship* that comes from being a Christian. Loneliness is one of the great terrors, the great tragedies of mankind. How often we speak of feeling alone in the midst of a great crowd.

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When in the popular phraseology of the day we talk about finding someone who speaks our language, we are really repeating the same longing that the Psalmist expressed when he said: "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me; refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul."

You have found Christ to be the one Friend who understands your every thought, and once fellowship has been established with Him you can never be alone again. When Christ takes the rightful place in your heart, all sense of separation from God disappears. Once more you stand in the presence of God. This fellowship is a joy unspeakable and full of glory. No man-made philosophy can bestow this glorious benefit.

Sixth, there comes a *new strength* in following Christ. Man by himself is unable to attain his own standards, let alone attain the far higher and more exacting standards of God. The Mosaic laws were laid down as the minimum of behavior acceptable to God, and you are in yourself too weak to maintain even this standard unaided. Throughout history man has made resolution after resolution, hoping he would have the strength to keep them, but knowing in his heart that the best he could achieve would be a temporary reform and not a permanent change.

This human weakness is so widely recognized that New Year's resolutions have become a world-wide joke and man's ability to turn over a new leaf without the help of God is subject to open scorn. It is only through rebirth in Christ that man can achieve, not

just an alteration in his present way of life, but the creation of a new personality.

We are all familiar with the transformation that took place in Saul on the road to Damascus, when Christ entered his heart and changed him from one of His most destructive enemies to one of His mightiest advocates. Many equally dramatic changes in human personalities are taking place today, and they are being brought about by the self-same means that transformed Saul into Paul—birth again through Jesus Christ!

There is no human philosophy that can achieve such changes or provide such strength. This mighty strength stands ready to be available at your beck and call at all times. God said, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Whatever the circumstances, whatever the call, whatever the duty, whatever the price, whatever the sacrifice—His strength will be your strength in your hour of need.

Seventh, there are *physical benefits* that accrue from Christian living. Sin and the sense of inner unworthiness impair physical and mental well-being. The sense of physical impurity and physical immorality, the sense of hatred directed toward our fellowmen, the awareness of our own inadequacy and frustration and our inability to achieve the goals to which we aspire—these are the real reasons for physical and mental illness.

The sense of guilt and sin that natural man carries within himself renders him unfit for the performance of his duties, renders him sick in both mind and body. It was no accident that Jesus combined healing with His preaching and teaching when He was on earth. There is a very real relationship between the life of the spirit and the health of the body and mind.

Peace with God and the peace of God in a man's heart and the joy of fellowship with Christ have in themselves a beneficial effect upon the body and mind and will lead to the development and preservation of physical and mental power. Thus, Christ promotes the best interest of the body and mind as well as of the spirit, in addition to inward peace, the development of spiritual life, the joy and fellowship with Christ, and the new strength that comes with being born again.

There are certain special privileges that only the true Christian can enjoy. There is, for example, the privilege of *having divine wisdom and guidance continually*. The Bible says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that



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giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Also the Christian has a sense of *true optimism*, the assurance that according to divine revelation everything will turn out well in the end.

The Christian also has a *world view*. This world view sets forth God's purpose and the end toward which all are proceeding. It assures us that in spite of men's war upon each other and in spite of the destructive forces of nature which seem to hold us in their grip, God is still on the throne and in command of everything.

Satan himself is held back by God's power and given an opportunity to exercise his evil influence only as God sees fit and only as long as God sees fit to let him do it. The Scriptures teach us that God has a definite plan for each period of history, for every nation and for every individual. The Scripture discloses God's plan for the return of Christ when His kingdom shall be established, as we have already seen. Thus, for the Christian, life has a plan and an assurance that God will ultimately triumph over all unrighteousness.

We think of Paul's letter to the Thessalonians where he said that the Holy Spirit was in the world operating as a restraining agency against the powers of Satan. "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." In the margin of your Bible you will find that "letteth" means "hindereth" and "let" means "hinder." It is fortunate for us that the Holy Spirit is

active in our midst because if the powers of evil were permitted to function without interference, the human family would be swept into an inferno of darkness by the onrushing tide.

In summing up the superiority of the Christian life over all other ways of living we cannot overlook the advantage that the Christian will have for all eternity. Job said, "If a man die, shall he live again?" He answered his own question when he said, "For I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He will stand at the latter day upon the earth."

What a prospect! What a future! What a hope! What a life! I would not change places with the wealthiest and most influential man in the world. I would rather be a child of the King, a joint-heir with Christ, a member of the Royal Family of heaven!

I know where I've come from, I know why I'm here, I know where I'm going—and I have peace in my heart. His peace floods my heart and overwhelms my soul!

The storm was raging. The sea was beating against the rocks in huge, dashing waves. The lightning was flashing, the thunder was roaring, the wind was blowing; but the little bird was asleep in the crevice of the rock, its head serenely under its wing, sound asleep. That is peace: to be able to sleep in the storm!

In Christ we are relaxed and at peace in the midst of the confusions, bewilderments, and perplexities of this life. The storm rages, but our hearts are at rest. We have found peace—at last!

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I entered the chapel of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher was heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon, and the Lily of the Valley's sweetscented spices filled and perfumed my life. I entered the business office of the Proverbs, then into the observatory room of the prophets, where I saw telescopes of various sizes, some pointing to far-off events, but all concentrated upon the Bright and Morning Star, which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judaea for our salvation.

I entered the audience room of the King of kings, and caught a vision of His glory from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; passed into the Acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing His work in the formation of the infant Church. Then into the correspondence room, where sat Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James and Jude, penning their Epistles.

Finally, I stepped into the throne room of Revelation, where I got a vision of the King sitting upon the Throne in all His glory, and I cried:

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Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

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"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." Psalm 51:12.

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Now the word Ichabod ("the glory hath departed") is written over his head. This is always the case when the joy of salvation is gone.

A GREAT LOSS

Answer me truly: Are you, right now, experiencing the joy of salvation? Or! Is your joy gone? Have you, as a believer, suffered this great loss?

Joy is as natural to a healthy Christian, as song to a bird. As play to a child. As inspiration to an artist. As music to a musician. As the blushing rose on the cheek of a girl.

Do you have it? Or! Is your soul suffering from dire want?

William E. Cowper was converted while in the asylum of St. Albans. It was like this:

He was given a Bible while still a bit demented. He began to read and became fond of the message that it contained. One day he was converted by reading Romans 3:25, 26 which says: "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to

declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

The Holy Spirit used this rather abstract passage to quicken his mind and heart. He later revealed the secret of the experience and said: "The Spirit breathed upon the Word and brought the truth to sight."

This is the only way to truly understand God's Word. This is the secret of all genuine conversion. Cowper was soon released from the asylum and became the happy and efficient co-worker of John Newton, one of England's great evangelists.

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previously known. Out of a sad and lonely heart, he wrote:

My former hopes are gone,
My terror now begins;
I feel alas, that I am dead,
In trespasses and sins.

Are your "former hopes gone?" Are you enduring the great loss of departed joy? Perhaps even now you are sighing:

Where is the blessedness I knew,
When first I found the Lord?
Where is the soul's refreshing view,
Of Jesus and His love?

What peaceful hours I then enjoyed
How sweet their memory still;
But they have left an aching void;
This world can never fill.

It is good if the "aching void" exists, for therein lies your hope of restoration. If the things of the world could satisfy this craving of the human spirit, you would be doomed. But inasmuch as the world has nothing to offer, you will return to your "first love." God alone can satisfy the aching void!

The writer of the book of Hebrews uses a significant word, to admonish Christians regarding practices that might war against spiritual experience. We read: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them SLIP."

The comment in the margin of your Bible reads: "Slip away from them."

Truth never slips. It does not slip away from us. We may, however, slip away from truth. You are a free moral agent. You can do about as you please. If it pleases you to forsake spiritual levels, you have it in your power to sink into quagmires of materialism.

The Greek word translated "slip" is *pararrhúeo* and means "carelessly pass." This passage in Hebrews therefore contains a solemn warning against carelessness in spiritual matters.

Will you permit me to search you? In doing so, I mean to be helpful.

HAVE YOU SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE BOOK?

When Hudson Taylor was in this Country, someone asked him to disclose the secret of his great power.

He explained, upon first arriving in China, the interest in missionary work was such that people constantly thronged him on all sides. His external duties were so great ... and his time so consumed by teaching and other religious activities, that intimate fellowship with God and His Word was broken.

Thereupon, he started rising at four o'clock every morning for study, prayer and meditation. This became a fixed habit in his life.

It may seem strange to some, but Preachers, Evangelists, Missionaries and other Christian workers know that communion can be broken, by allowing themselves to become surfeited with even religious work. They need time, quiet hours for prayer and retrospection, to replenish their spiritual supplies.

Fellowship with God through meditation and Bible study, are sources of the Christian's power. If you withdraw from the Word, the joy of spiritual experience will slip away.

HAVE YOU SLIPPED AWAY FROM PRAYER?

Dr. George W. Truett told of a funeral he was asked to conduct. A sixteen year old girl had died. Seeking information that would help him in the ministry of comfort, the mother answered his inquiry by saying:

"Dr. Truett, she was our only child."

"Yes, but you sorrow not as others, who have no hope."

The woman sobbed convulsively: "That is just the trouble Dr. Truett. We have no such hope. She was, as far as we know, unsaved. While it is true that her father and I were both Church members, even before she was born, our darling girl never heard either of us pray. We do not have a Christian home.

Oh! Dr. Truett, we feel so terrible. It's our fault that she was never converted."

Who can fathom the depths of such remorse? They were professed Christian parents, but had no time for either family prayer or Church attendance. Sunday School training for the child had even been neglected.

Have you, perchance, slipped away from prayer?

HAVE YOU SLIPPED AWAY FROM YOUR WALK?

Christians are expected to walk uprightly. Their light should shine brightly. They travel a path that is straight and narrow. Once you could sing:

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
All my being's ransomed powers.
All my thoughts, words and doings,
All my days and all my hours.

Do your "ransomed powers" belong to Him now? Are you walking on the King's highway? Have you enjoyed a closer, sweeter walk with the Saviour in the past, than now? You used to sing:

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.

Is this still true? Do these words express the deepest sentiments of your soul today? Are your possessions at His disposal? You once sang:

Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better friend.

Does He remain your dearest Friend? Or! Has something come between you

and your Lord? Has Satan used the things of this world to destroy a loving friendship? Do you now maintain only a half-hearted attitude toward Christ? In the past, you proudly sang:

He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me,
I am His own.

Are you still walking with Him? Are you living a separated life? Does sweet communion exist between you and Him? In Genesis 5:24, we read that, "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

Enoch walked so far. The sights were so beautiful. The atmosphere was so exhilarating. The music was so sweet. God was so near. Enoch's heart was so light ... that God hugged him, and I imagine, said: "My child you need not go back home on earth tonight, unless you insist. I will be glad to have you come home with me."

And Enoch was not, for God took him. Hebrews 11:5 says: "By faith Enoch was translated ... Before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

Have you this testimony? If so, your hope of heaven is secure. Someone has said that, "Heaven is located at the end of a Christian's walk."

WHY HAVE YOU SLIPPED AWAY?

Now, I come to the very simple, but all-important question of the Sermon: Why Have You Slipped Away?

(1) *Was it because of sensual pleasure?*

If so, I wish to ask that you carefully weigh two revealing passages of Scripture. First: "The pleasures of sin for a season." Hebrews 11:25. Second: "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." II Timothy 3:4.

Sinful pleasures have allured many away from the path of righteousness. I would have you remember that sensual enjoyments are but for the passing moment. They have no abiding quality. They offer excitement but fail to provide peace, joy and soul rest. Christ alone can satisfy the cravings of the human spirit.

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(2) *Was it some out and out sin that caused you to slip away?*

David committed a heinous sin. I think he must have groaned while uttering the words of our text: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."

At first, he thought no one knew. But God knew! Nathan the prophet was sent to reprove him. He told David the story of his sin, in the parable of the ewe lamb. The King was stirred because he still had a sense of honor and justice. He declared that a man who would do such a thing, should be put to death. Then Nathan looked him squarely in the eye and said: "Thou art the man."

What a thrust! How sharp the arrow required to pierce the conscience of a King! David's heart grew faint. A King, a prophet and a backslider ... poor, miserable and wretched.

Listen to his cry: "Hide thy face from my sins."

His repentance: "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."

His plea: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

His testimony: "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

WHAT MUST BE DONE?

First, there must be a sincere confession. David met this requirement. His sorrow, remorse and penitent attitude is indicated by these words from Psalms 51: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness ... For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me."

To Nathan he said: "I have sinned." And as soon as the confession was complete, Nathan replied: "The Lord hath put away thy sin."

I was holding a revival in a Pennsylvania city, when a man in great trouble came to see me. He said: "I am an officer in the Church. My wife and two daughters are also members and attend regularly. But I am unhappy. I think I shall lose my mind unless I find peace."

I inquired as to the cause of his agitation. He answered: "I am a thief." Then he related a sordid story of secret sin. I could tell, however, that my visitor was a man of unquestioned sincerity. He had been tempted. The devil tripped him.

I told him there was no way to peace except by the way of confession. He said: "If known, it will disgrace my family. I may be sent to prison. But

that would be better than to die insane, and be lost because of my sin."

We had prayer together. The man rose from his knees with the firm resolve to make, at once, a clear-cut confession. Things began to happen at lightning speed. First, he told his wife. She responded beautifully. This encouraged him to take the next step.

He was amazed at the manner in which God answered prayer. All of the people involved admired him for his courage. The atmosphere was cleared in an incredibly short time.

I saw him come into the service a few evenings later. He took a seat near the front. There was a shine on his face that reflected a sense of inward peace. The clouds had lifted. He squeezed my hand firmly, at the close, and said: "It is all right now."

David points the way for all who have been ensnared by the tempter: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

FOUR STEPS TO RESTORATION

Learn to deal with God in finality. Withhold nothing. Deal fairly, frankly, freely, fully with Him. There will then be a refilling of the Holy Spirit. Now notice the latter part of our text:

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit." Psalms 51:12.

A few verses later in the passage, we find the plea: "Take not thy Holy Spirit from me."

There is every indication that David returned to his former consecration. The joy of the Lord again flooded his soul. Such an attitude of self-abnegation will make it possible for you to sing:

Take the world but give me Jesus,
All its joys are but a name.

When you again say, "My all is on the altar," the fire will fall and consume the dross! The Holy Spirit will give you peace. Communion will be restored. You will soon be singing:

Oh the height and depth of mercy,
Oh the length and breadth of love,
Oh the fulness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above.

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BIBLE PREDESTINATION

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WHAT DOES the Bible teach concerning Predestination? Has God pre-appointed the destinies of men, so that some are destined to be saved and some lost?

This is an old doctrinal question and one which has been the object of much discussion and misunderstanding.

It is, however, dealt with clearly in the Word of God and the misunderstanding is plainly the result of a tendency to accept hand-me-down interpretations, placing too much emphasis on the teaching of Church fathers, and too little reliance upon the Scriptures.

We desire to look into the subject in an unprejudiced manner.

NOT AN INDIVIDUAL MATTER

Now the first fact to be noted is that Predestination is not an individual matter.

Individuals are not predestinated unto salvation. Predestination applies to the Church as a corporate body, and is not related in Scripture to the individual as such.

The Church is predestinated. God has predestined and pre-determined that every member of the Body of Christ, should receive "adoption of sons," but He has not predestined who should be in that Body and who should not.

This "adoption of sons" by the way, is not the salvation of the soul, but rather the "redemption of our body" (Romans 8:23), which incident has not yet occurred. This will take place at the return of the Lord Jesus for His own. I Corinthians 15:52-54.

For Scriptural proof of these statements, we turn to Ephesians 1:4-11.

Notice first, verse 4 which says: "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

This verse does not say we are chosen unto salvation, but that even before the foundation of the world, God chose that every believer should be holy and without blame before Him in love. There is nothing in the passage as to choosing anyone unto salvation. That, my friend, is your choice and mine.

"Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." The minute you call, you are saved. God accepts you into His family and by the operation of the Holy Spirit you, at once (Ephesians 1:13) become a part of a Body which God ordained before the foundation of the world unto a holy, separated relationship with Him.

The Greek word for "chosen" as used in verse 4 also bears out the fact, that there is no reference here to choice involving personal salvation. It is the Greek word, "eklegomai," the same term used in I Corinthians 1:27 where we read: "But God hath *chosen* the foolish things of the world to confound the wise."

Surely God has not selected the individual "foolish things" to "confound the wise," but has appointed that particular ministry for a group of things which might thus be classified.

The same Greek word is used again in James 2:5, "Hath not God *chosen* the poor of this world rich in faith..." The reference here is clearly to the appointing of a certain work for a group, known as the "poor." There is no indication as to any divine selection, regarding who these "poor" should be.

The word for divine selection of individuals is "elektos," but this is not the term used in Ephesians 1:4. The verse more clearly rendered would read: "According as he hath chosen for us who are in him, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

Who, then, may be in Christ?

Not a selected group of individuals, but "whosoever believeth." John 3:16.

Let us continue to verse 5 and read: "Having predestinated us" — and some stop right there!

Breaking the verse at this point, perhaps someone will say: "Mr. Hanson, you have been talking about 'fore-knowledge,' whereas the verse plainly says that we are predestinated. Therefore some are chosen to be saved, and others are not."

But please notice, there is no punctuation mark of any kind after the word "us." Mistakes are often made by being too hasty with the use of periods. The true meaning of Scripture texts are thereby destroyed.

Let us read the entire verse: "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will."

THE MEANING OF ADOPTION

What is meant by the term "adoption" in New Testament Scripture?

Is it the salvation of the soul? No. Adoption does not mean soul salvation. Then what is it? There need be no difficulty at this point. Turn to Romans 8:23.

"And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, *waiting* for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

Do we who are saved, have to *wait* for salvation?

Of course not!

"He that hath the son *hath* life." I John 5:12. We wait for the redemption of our bodies, which will be the time when "this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality."

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The Predestination then of Ephesians 1:5 consists in the fact that before the foundation of the world, God chose the destiny of the corporate Body of believers. That destiny is called the "adoption," or in other words the resurrection of the body in likeness to that of the Lord Jesus.

Who may share that destiny? Only a select few? Never! John 3:16, Romans 10:13, Isaiah 55:1, Revelation 22:17, Matthew 11:28, John 1:12.

Ephesians 1:11 also brings out the fact that the believer is predestined to this inheritance, but not a word about who may be a believer and who may not. The moment you become a believer, God makes you a part of that Body which is destined to inherit the likeness of the Lord Jesus as His joint heir. Trust Christ today, and you are in line for this inheritance. Stay outside of that predestined Body of Christ and you are lost.

THE MEANING OF FOREKNOWLEDGE

We have now reached the point where Romans 8:28-29 demands our consideration.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate ..."

Again someone will insist that we are discussing "foreknowledge," but this passage says that whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate.

And once more, I want it noticed that there is no punctuation mark after the word Predestinate. By reading the whole verse, we find that it is the clearest possible confirmation of our main thesis.

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

And this, as we have seen, is not the salvation of the soul but the redemption of the body, which event occurs at the return of the Lord Jesus. In I John 3:2 we read: "When he shall appear, we shall be like him."

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet

shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." I Corinthians 15:52-53.

So we see that all believers are predestinated to conform to the image of Christ. As to who may believe, free moral agency must decide. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

Ingersoll Could Find No Fault

DR. A. T. PIERSON

ON ONE occasion the infidel Ingersoll was to lecture on "The Foundations of the Christian Faith."

There was living in the same city a former schoolmate who had started up on the legal profession with great promise, married a lovely woman, and was the father of two children. Drink had dragged him down so low that it ruined his home, broke the heart of his wife, and sent his children into the street.

Found one night lying drunk in an alley, he was taken to a home, washed, fed and put to bed by a Christian worker who urged him to change his course. God's grace transformed him into a sober Christian. He rebuilt his shattered home, brought back his children from the streets, restored his wife's confidence and became a respected citizen. Reading in the newspapers the notice of Ingersoll's lecture, he wrote him the following letter:

My dear old Friend:

I see that tonight you are to deliver a lecture against Christianity and the Bible. Perhaps you know some of my history since we parted. I disgraced my home and family, lost my character and all that a man can hold dear in this world.

You may know that I went down and down until I was a poor despised outcast, and when I thought there was none to help me and none to save, there came one in the Name of Jesus who told me of His power to help, of His loving kindness and tender sympathy, and through the story of the Cross of Christ I turned to Him.

I brought my wife back to my home and gathered my children together again, and we are happy now, and I am doing what good I can.

And now, old friend, would you stand tonight before the people of Pittsburgh, and tell them what you have to say against the religion that will come down to the lowest depths and find me, and help me up and make my life happy, and clothe my children and give me back my home and friends—will you tell them what you have to say against a religion like that?

Mr. Ingersoll read the letter before his audience, and he said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I have nothing to say against a religion that will do this for a man. I am here to talk about a religion that is being preached by preachers. You can find fault with the Church, but there stands One supreme, and no man has ever dared to point his finger at the character of Christ and find fault with Him."

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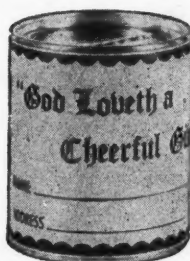
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Mr. Shadduck wrote little books, funny books, provocative books, on heavy subjects. He helped people to laugh while they learned. For instance, when wishing to talk about the marvels of creation and the majesty of God, he did it this way:

When I was a boy, I knew (?) more than I do now.

I lived in a world of THINGS and accepted my world for what it seemed to be.

My mental equipment passed for knowledge because I made the same mistakes that others did. A counterfeit coin that one thinks is gold, will buy as much as real gold if everyone makes a similar mistake.

Once I knew that solid things are solid and when my teachers told me that even granite was made up of particles in tremendous commotion, they made it easier for me to believe in miracles. Physicists introduced me to a whirling universe and a world of VIBRATION—sound, light, atomic solar systems, everything in ceaseless motion.

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Once I understood (?) time, space, matter, force, gravitation, life, and had hopefully tackled eternity and infinity. After I had been deflated by a philosopher that the world called great, I was willing to know less and let God know more. I offer below some questions like the ones this man asked.

Does time flow past us or do we flow

through time? If both flow together, then what is past time or future time? Is the FUTURE a thing before it is PRESENT or is the PAST anything after it has gone? Since even a split second is made up of what has not arrived and what has passed what is the PRESENT?

If a thimble filled with space is moved into a room filled with space does the thimble space displace any room space? Does the thimble have the same space before and after being removed?

If what we call matter is only a manifestation of molecules made up of atoms that are the wrapping paper of electrons that are themselves only imprisoned forces, *what would matter be, apart from force?*

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B. H. Shadduck was an original thinker, a man of learning (he had a Ph. D.), but his language was that of the common people. His wit was homespun. He scattered corny cartoons through the pages of his books to shock the fastidious and attract the attention of the man of the street—anything to arouse interest in the subject at hand.

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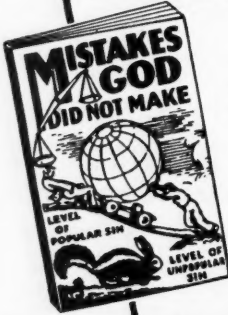
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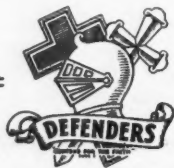
ANNIVERSARY NUMBER

YOUR MAGAZINE is now passing another milestone of progress ... and it is with a sense of satisfaction that the Editor can report greater reader interest today than at any previous time. Its Twenty-eighth Anniversary is being celebrated this month.

This fact calls for a few reminiscences.

As chairman of a group of churchmen representing a dozen different denominations, Dr. Winrod issued a Call in November 1925 — which resulted in the forming of a new organization. Sessions lasted two days with approximately 100 Pastors participating.

Various committees were appointed to transact business. One was given the responsibility of choosing a name for the organization. The name Defenders of the Christian Faith was suggested and unanimously adopted. An official hymn was chosen, "Faith of our Fathers" ... and a motto, "Back to the Bible." An emblem was devised symbolizing the Cross of Christ, the Sword of the Spirit and the Helmet of Salvation.



The organization came into existence to accomplish exactly what the name im-

plies — a systematic defense and promulgation of historical and evangelical Christianity. It soon developed into a large, militant fellowship comprising members of both the clergy and laity. Its ramifications became nation-wide and later expanded to include works on several foreign mission fields. Great religious rallies were sponsored in large cities in all parts of the United States. Men of outstanding attainments addressed these gatherings. The Christian public seemed to be waiting for such a movement to rise.

The program emerged from a deep-seated conflict in which both evangelical Christianity and fundamental Americanism were being challenged. Forces of unbelief were becoming entrenched inside the denominational structure. Seeds of Communism were being sown like tares described in the New Testament narrative. The new organization stepped forward in the role of Defenders.

All churchmen admit the existence of a controversy within the various Protestant denominations. Basically, it is an historical debate between those who would reduce Christianity to a philosophy of naturalism ... and those who insist upon emphasizing the supernatural content of the Faith.

One school of thought insists upon excluding all miracles. It would cast the Christian religion in the molds of naturalism. It would confine the Faith to the four walls of natural law. It denies the supernatural inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, blood atonement, resurrection, ascension and the hope of His return to this planet. It denies that He performed miracles in the days of His flesh.

The other school of thought accepts miracles as a fact. It believes the Bible to be supernaturally inspired beyond all other literature. It believes Christ to be deity, God incarnate in a human body. It believes that He did perform miracles, suffer a vicarious death for the sins of mankind, rise from the dead and ascend into heaven. This group anticipates His

return to inaugurate a reign of peace and tranquility on our earth.

Defenders belong to the school of thought that accepts the historical and evangelical doctrines of the Faith. There are some things that do not admit questioning. This is true of the fundamentals of the holy Christian Faith.

Atheistic philosophies are pushing in from all sides. Infidels and atheists used to attack the Church from the outside. Now they have gained a foothold on the inside. Some go so far as to advocate a Christless Christianity ... or at least a Christianity to which the Christ of the New Testament is not indispensable. But in all denominations there are prophets who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

Modernism, a leftist system in the Church, has Communism for a leftist political counterpart. Leaders of the Defenders organization watched the growth of Communism with great anxiety. For years it stood practically alone against the red menace.

The Communist problem insinuated itself into the religious life of the Nation and could not be safely ignored. The religion of Communism is atheism. Wherever it gains control, there Church property is confiscated, preachers are persecuted and Christians become natural enemies of the State.

Every observing Christian can see a world-wide conflict between the forces of Christ on one hand and the powers of anti-Christ on the other. Defenders emphasize the deity of Christ, knowing that from His person there goes a power which creates a climate in which atheistic Communism cannot work.

The organization has written, published, uttered by radio, pulpit and public rostrum, millions of words devoted to the defense and promulgation of evangelical Christianity and fundamental Americanism against the encroachments of atheistic totalitarianism. These words, creative and constructive words, have influenced multitudes to righteous action and attitudes for the preservation

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of American Church life and institutions. And thus, the organization has tried to live up to its name, Defenders of the Christian Faith.

On mission fields it has established churches, organized schools, built orphanages, published literature and otherwise engaged in the type of exertions generally associated with missionary endeavor. It is presently operating on ten different fields.

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AS THIS Anniversary issue goes to press, friends of the work are reminded that none of these things could have been accomplished without such a voice as *The Defender*. Powerful enemies have, at various times, organized to destroy it ... but despite "dungeon, fire and sword" your Magazine is stronger today than ever before.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" — and the future is in His hands.

JEWISH PERSECUTION

THE FOLLOWING resolution, adopted by the board of directors of the Defenders of the Christian Faith at their meeting last January, was transmitted to Congressman Charles A. Wolverton, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:

WHEREAS the board of directors of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, Inc., a religious and educational non-profit corporation holding its annual meeting in the Defender Building of Wichita, Kansas notes the fact that Wichita's four radio stations, KFH, KANS, KAKE and KFBI entered into a conspiracy seventeen years ago to violate the civil rights of said corporation and its officials, and

WHEREAS repeated efforts to purchase time on these stations have been spurned by the managers thereof, despite the fact that many other stations including twelve in the State of Kansas, are glad to sell time to the corporation for its religious broadcasts, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the proper federal authorities be earnestly requested to put an end to this intolerable situation known to exist as a blotch and black mark against the rights of free speech to which every law abiding American is entitled.

What the resolution does not explain, is that the conspiracy was organized and

has been promoted down to the present hour by B'nai B'rith Jewry.

Opposition to Communism by the Defenders organization, years ago created Jewish aversion. Dr. Winrod teaches the Sunday School lesson every Sunday morning over a large chain of stations, including 12 in Kansas, but cannot be heard through any air channel in Wichita, the city of his birth, because Jews have decreed otherwise.

Gentile owners of the stations have so far shown themselves to be spineless men, incapable of resisting pressure which causes them to engage in unlawful acts in violation of Section 18, Title 51 of the United States Criminal Code headed "Conspiracy to Injure Persons in the Exercise of Civil Rights."

Let those who doubt that a secret, sinister system of control, a *hidden hand* operates over press and radio in the United States, take note of this situation.

FCC REPORTS ON ITS INVESTIGATION

IN COMPLIANCE with the request contained in the foregoing resolution, Mr. Wolverton asked for a report by the Federal Communications Commission and received the following letter:

Washington, D. C.
March 8, 1954

Hon. Charles A. Wolverton
House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Wolverton:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 5, 1954, and attachments, requesting our comments with regard to the applicability of the Communications Act and the Commission's regulations with regard to the sale of time by stations for religious broadcasts.

As you are aware, under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the initial responsibility for what shall be presented over the air rests with the station licensees themselves and the Commission has no authority to interfere with the management of stations in the day-to-day exercise of that responsibility.

The Commission's authority is limited to a periodic review of the over-all operation of a station to determine

whether each station is fulfilling its obligation to operate in the public interest. Any suggestion that the Commission itself take action to require the broadcast of particular programs must be considered in the light of Section 326 of the Act, which provides that the Commission shall have no power of censorship over radio programs.

While the Commission believes that the broadcast of religious programs is an important factor under a station's obligations to operate in the public interest, in view of the above statutory provisions, we have issued no specific rules or regulations relating to the subject of your inquiry. We of course cannot require that a station make time available to one particular organization as requested by Mr. Winrod.

The Commission has, in connection with a complaint filed by Mr. Winrod, ascertained that the broadcast stations located in Wichita, Kansas do make time available for the broadcast of religious programs by representatives of the various faiths.

It is believed that the enclosed copy of the Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order In re Petitions of The New Jersey Council of Churches et al will be of interest in your consideration of this matter. Mr. Winrod's letter and attachments are also enclosed.


I trust that the above information will be of assistance to you and if I can be of further service in this matter please feel free to call upon me.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

PUERTO RICANS ARE SICK AT HEART

A VISITOR from the United States who happened to be in the Capitol building of San Juan, Puerto Rico the day after the recent outburst of gun fire at Washington says: "The place resembled a funeral service. I have never seen people as utterly despondent and discouraged."

This very well describes the reaction of Puerto Ricans as a whole to the murderous attempt made by four members of their race on the lives of United States Congressmen. Five legislators fell under the rain of bullets. The tragic events of March 1st were reported in the press by Representative Don Magnuson, from the State of Washington, who witnessed the shooting:

"I thought they were firing blanks until I saw a jagged hole suddenly open in the ceiling of the House chamber.

"A moment later the shooting stopped, and the would-be assassins were seized by guards and dragged from the gallery. It happened that I was facing the corner of the gallery in which the shooting occurred.

"I heard a shot. When I looked up that way, I saw two men and a woman brandishing revolvers and firing at the floor of the House. At the same time, they were screeching something in a foreign tongue. The explosions came in such rapid-fire order that at first I thought someone had set off a string of firecrackers.

"Then I saw flames streaking from the muzzles of the revolvers, and saw where one bullet hit the ceiling. I suddenly realized that it was the real thing, and threw myself to the floor, thus gaining the protection of the row of seats in front of me.

"Many of the members near me stayed in their seats, or on their feet, throughout the entire fusillade. Apparently they believed, as I had at first, that the revolvers were firing blanks.

"As soon as the shooting stopped and I got back on my feet, I discovered my friend Kenneth Roberts, of Alabama, lying wounded on the floor, directly behind me. He had fallen down between two rows of seats.

"Roberts was all but unconscious, and blood was soaking his trousers from a wound in the side. Two or three of us got a necktie around his leg for a tourniquet. About the same time, word began to get around of others who had been wounded. The big chamber buzzed with outraged comment, as members of the House attempted to help their stricken colleagues."

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MR. FERNOS-ISERN, Puerto Rican delegate to the House of Representatives, delivered an address before Congress the next day, in which he tried to express something of the indignation and sorrow felt by his people. He said in part:

"Mr. Speaker, on no occasion could I address this House with deeper sorrow. To add to my consternation, the name of the dear Island of my birth was invoked by the reckless vandals who staged this terrible deed yesterday. To know that five of our beloved colleagues in this House have been wounded, the innocent victims of fanaticism, of fanatical terrorism, even though with the help of God their lives have been spared, has brought awe, grief, and indignation to the people of Puerto Rico ... The bul-

lets that were shot did not only sorely hurt five of our colleagues; they all hit the heart of Puerto Rico. May the Lord protect us from greater sorrows."

Within a matter of minutes, after receiving at San Juan a news flash from Washington stating what had happened, Governor Luis Munoz-Marin placed the following message on the wire to Joseph W. Martin, Speaker of the House:

"All in Puerto Rico shocked by the savage and unbelievable lunacy perpetrated today by persons completely unrepresentative of the decent feelings of Puerto Ricans. Please convey to the House as well as to the wounded Members the deep solidarity of the whole Puerto Rican people who condemn with all their strength this dastardly deed."

Puerto Ricans are kind, gracious, courteous people by nature — entirely unlike the impression that has taken form in many minds as a result of terrorist methods used by a microscopic minority. It is a paradox that a few dozen members of a revolutionary organization could be able to picture the race, in an entirely wrong light, before the world.

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THE CHARGE made by the murder bund that "the United States is betraying the sacred principles of mankind in their continuous subjugation of Puerto Rico," is utterly false.

What has been the course of United States administration of this ceded territory during the 55 years since the Treaty of Paris?

The Island was for years governed by a governor-general and treated very much like the Philippines, Hawaii, and Alaska. In 1917 the Organic Act of Puerto Rico was enacted. This Act, with amendments, granted Puerto Ricans American citizenship and unrestricted suffrage. It gave Puerto Rico the right to choose its own Chief Executive by popular vote.

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In 1950 an Act of Congress, affirmed by a special election in Puerto Rico on June 4, 1951, permitted Puerto Rico to draft and pass its own Constitution. The Island people modeled their government after that of the United States and delegates elected by popular vote approved their new Constitution, 88 to three. When submitted to the people on March 3, 1952, Puerto Ricans voted approval 373,418 to 82,473.

On the following July 3rd, the President of the United States signed a Congressional resolution approving the Constitution and elevating Puerto Rico to the status of a free Commonwealth affiliated with the United States. Puerto Ricans have all the benefits of United States citizenship and few of its responsibilities. They are a free people.

Puerto Ricans, including those who did the shooting, came to the United States mainland and immediately went on the voting lists, and the public assistance lists, of New York City. They have done so by the hundreds of thousands.

Economic conditions on the Island have always been bad, in some respects frightful, due largely to over population. Puerto Rico is one of the most densely populated spots in the world.

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Vito Marcantonio, a former member of Congress, has for years maintained a powerful pro-Communist political machine in Harlem, with baneful effects upon thousands of Puerto Ricans. That some should become frustrated, and the prey of designing leaders, is understandable. Collectively, they present a missionary challenge, to the Church-life of the United States.

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THE DEFENDERS organization opened a mission field in Puerto Rico in the year 1931. Today, there are Defender Churches — congregations of Chris-

tian converts, presided over by trained native Pastors, throughout the length and breadth of the Island.

The Defenders Theological Seminary located at Rio Piedras, adjacent to the Capital city of San Juan, graduates a new class of missionary and ministerial recruits in May of each year. And this constitutes only one phase of Gospel work being carried on in the West Indies. (The organization also operates on nine other mission fields, reaching into remote parts of the earth.)

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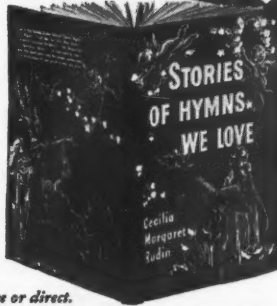
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A prolific writer, he kept before his subscribers the running story of New Deal subversion. This made him a tar-

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Mr. Edmondson records 1933 as the year in which he made one of the most important decisions of his life — the time when he became enlightened regarding the secret base from which the New Deal was operating and decided to expose the facts in every way possible.

Franklin Roosevelt was quoted in the press (October 14, 1933) as saying: "This program (New Deal) is too vast an undertaking for any one man or set of men to make sure of. I rely on you newspapermen to check us. I want your criticism as well as your support."

Soon thereafter, Mr. Edmondson issued a bulletin entitled Bankrupt Leadership, which he now describes as follows: "In it I categorically enumerated Roosevelt administration acts which were causing confusion and business uncertainty, promoting politico-economic unsettlement along the 'Communitistic Line'."

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really behind the subversions of Communism and Socialism.

"I replied, 'no.'"

"Will you read printed proof as to the internationalists promoting such anti-national propaganda?" "Yes," was the answer, and I was given a large supply of old and modern historical books, pamphlets, and other documents, chiefly from British patriotic sources.

"To the best of my recollection I was never harmed personally by Jews, and therefore my approach to the JEWISH PROBLEM could not have stemmed from personal animus; and it is worthy of note that I had three decades of previous experience as an independent successful reporter, editor and analyst in the greatest Jewish financial center of the world — New York's Wall Street. When I reported back to the three patriots named, I was queried:

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This was the start. Mr. Edmondson is a man of flesh and blood like other human beings ... and it is possible that had he known the persecution which would result from this decision, a different course might have been chosen. Through years of harassment, including indictments, arrests, being clapped into jail illegally, threatened with death and otherwise mistreated, he stood his ground.

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LESSON NUMBER ONE

April 18, 1954

THE CHRIST TRIUMPHANT

John. Chapters 20 & 21

MEMORY TEXT: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." John 20:29.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. A great discovery. The tomb of Christ was found vacated. John 20:1-10.
- B. A great perplexity. Mary, failing to grasp the meaning of the event, thought the body of our Lord had been stolen. John 20:11-18.
- C. A great persecution. Failing to destroy the Christ, the Jews turned savagely upon His disciples. John 20:19-23.
- D. A great faith. Thomas, an honest doubter, becomes convinced. John 20:24-29.
- E. A great meal. Christ prepared breakfast for His disciples on the beach. John 21:3-14.
- F. A great passion. Peter professes love for the Great Shepherd and receives instructions regarding the care of the flock. John 21:15-17.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "RISEN."

The doctrine of the resurrection is the center pole of Christian faith. New Testament writers, particularly Paul, made this clear.

Modernist preachers, and all exponents of the liberal theology, find themselves in an awkward position on Easter Sunday. Rejecting the supernatural, they seek to cast Christianity in the molds of natural law. This leaves no place for the resurrection story. Any participation in Easter festivities, under these circumstances, is hypocrisy and sham.

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Yet, the liberals praise Christ as a good man and wonderful teacher. They know that on several occasions, He announced His resurrection in advance. Had He not risen from the dead, He would have been the world's greatest imposter and falsifier. The Modernists are therefore in the utterly inconsistent position of making our Lord appear dishonest on the one hand, and praising Him on the other.

According to the Synoptic Gospels, the first Easter sunrise service was attended by a group of women. Three of the writers (Matthew, Mark and Luke) record the message which the angels gave the women, but John omits this detail.

Mary Magdalene hurried to the disciples with the startling news. Their amazement upon finding the tomb empty is indescribable. It is strange that Christ's advance announcement had failed to register. They heard Him say He would rise from the dead, but somehow the fact failed to grip them.

Neither did they grasp the content of such Old Testament prophecies as Psalm 16:10, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Dismayed by what they had seen, the disciples returned home. Too often, we share their state — their inability to discern the workings of God before our eyes.

There are five recorded appearances of Jesus on the day of His resurrection: to Mary whom He found standing outside the tomb weeping (see also Mark 16:9-11), to the other women (Matthew 28:9-10), to two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-32), to Peter (Luke 24:33-35, I Corinthians 15:5) and to bewildered disciples the same Sunday evening, with

Thomas absent (Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-43).

The key word is found in John 21:14 ... *risen.*

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS JOHN 20:28.

"And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God."

Thomas was an honest doubter. The Lord exercised extreme gentleness in dealing with him. Despite the fact that Thomas had made examination of Christ's bodily wounds a condition of acceptance, this was not done.

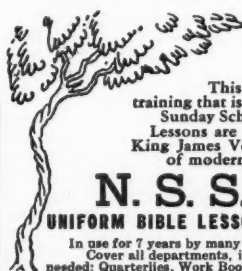
The glory of Christ broke in upon him like a flood. He was overpowered and exclaimed, "My Lord and my God." Doubt was completely dissolved. Thomas' exclamation surpassed all that had been uttered ... nor can it be surpassed by anything that ever will be uttered in heaven or on earth.

We read that this significant event took place "after eight days" — that is to say, on the first day of the new week.

The disciples probably met every day during the preceding week, but their Lord designedly reserved His second appearance until the recurrence of the resurrection day and completion of the weekly cycle, that He might inaugurate the delightful sanctities of the Lord's day — the Christian sabbath. (See Revelation 1:10.)

"Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed." Words of measured condemnation containing an indirect rebuke for lack of faith.

"Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." Words of rich meaning to those of us who love and serve Him, in the absence of physical sight of His glorious Person.



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(3) THE KEY FACT: CHRIST IS RISEN.

Paul associates the resurrection of Christ with that of the believer and flatly states that apart from this fact there is no ground for faith, no need of preaching, and Christian profession becomes empty and meaningless:

"And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished."

As Christians, we are justified in staking everything upon the resurrection of our Leader and Saviour. We are *not* being deceived. He *did* rise from the dead.

Death to early Christians was a portal through which they stepped into a better world. The resurrection of the Master was fresh in their thinking and this gave them the assurance of victory over death. He was the great example, "the firstfruits of them that slept."

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign,
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah, Christ arose!

LESSON NUMBER TWO

April 25, 1954

A KINGDOM WEAKENED AND DIVIDED

I Kings, Chapter 11

MEMORY TEXT: "If thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight ... I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house." I Kings 11:38.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

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- A. A king weakened by personal sin. I Kings 11:1-3.
- B. A kingdom damaged by apostasy and loss of right religious convictions. I Kings 11:4-8.
- C. A kingdom weakened by wrong leadership. I Kings 11:9-25.
- D. A kingdom deteriorated and divided. I Kings 11:26-40.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "PIECES."

Two kings had ruled over the Israelitish nation prior to the events of today's lesson, and the third was on the throne: Saul, whose life was terminated by suicide; David who reigned for 40 years; and Solomon, the present occupant, whose wisdom and building enterprises made his name famous.

Solomon was exceptionally blessed by the inheritance he received. Son of David, a hero-king, he had everything in the way of wealth, power and prestige that could be desired. He could not have been more than a lad of 18 at the time of his ascension to the throne.

Even his name was prophetic (Solomon means "the peaceful"), because the kingdom enjoyed an extended period of peace, plenty and tranquility under his leadership. The beautiful Temple at Jerusalem was built during his reign. History records no more eloquent and heart-searching prayer than the one he offered at its dedication.

How sorrowful that such a career should have ended in tragedy! Solomon the wise man played the part of a fool late in life. He established a harem of a thousand women. His governmental policies made it possible for elements of discontent to foment a rebellion. The period of history now under consideration finds his kingdom hanging in the balances.

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A gifted and valorous young man named Jeroboam had attracted Solomon's attention years earlier. The name means "one who pleads the people's cause." He, like many others, was outraged by events at the King's court.

While on a trip from Jerusalem to his native Zeredah, he encountered Ahijah, a prophet, who outlined the future course of the nation.

Prophets of ancient times frequently employed dramatic symbolic actions to illustrate the meaning of their words. (See Isaiah 20:2; Jeremiah 19:1-13) Ahijah removed his garment and tore it into 12 pieces, stating as he did so, that the kingdom would be divided into as many divisions—ten of which would come under Jeroboam and two remain in other hands.

"And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee."

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS I KINGS 11:33.

"They have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments."

Someone has said: "A nation is merely the lengthened shadow of its national leaders. They set the pace, for the most part, and the people follow in their train."

The Israelitish nation became decadent during the closing years of Solomon's reign. Twin evils of religious apostasy and mass immorality engulfed the people. The entire structure of government was correspondingly weakened.

Only a spiritual revival can rescue a nation under such circumstances, and Israel, lacking this potential, passed through a fateful chain of circumstances.

America can learn an important lesson from this chapter of ancient history.

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A religious revival is frequently a national necessity. Such awakenings have often resulted in social and political reconstruction, solving problems for which, humanly speaking, there appeared to be no solutions.

When a nation becomes decadent through loss of religious interest, moral sag, political corruption and loss of national character, the only hope of rehabilitation is revival. Roger Babson, addressing himself to America's present vexing problems, says: "The only development which can keep democracy afloat, is a revival of religion."

(3) THE KEY FACT: "RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION."

Early in life, before he permitted himself and his people to become debauched, Solomon, in a lucid moment, wrote these words: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34)

What a pity that he could not have carried this ideal through to the end of life!

Old fashioned principles of honesty, decency and integrity must be cultivated for a people to be strong. The state of a nation's character, is an index to its economic, political and military security.

Dr. Winrod said in a recent radio broadcast: "There is an intimate connection between national character and a full dinner pail. There is an intimate connection between moral consciousness and sound economics. There is an intimate connection between national integrity and national well-being."

The following obituary was penned by Dr. F. W. Farrar: "So Solomon passed away — the last king of all Palestine till another king arose a thousand years later, like him in his fondness for magnificence, like him in his tamperings with idolatry, like him in being builder of the Temple, but in all other respects a far more grievous sinner and a far more inexcusable tyrant — Herod, falsely called 'The Great'."

LESSON NUMBER THREE

May 2, 1954

JUDGMENT STRIKES JEROBOAM

I Kings 12:25-33; 14:1-20

MEMORY TEXT: "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments." Deuteronomy 8:11.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. A system of idol worship introduced by an apostate king. I Kings 12:25-33.
- B. A stern rebuke administered by a fearless prophet. I Kings 14:1-9.
- C. A warning of impending judgment. I Kings 14:10-18.
- D. Judgment executed. I Kings 14:19-20.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "COMMANDMENTS."

Three men, prominent in Old Testament times, occupy the stage of today's lesson — Jeroboam, king of the Northern Kingdom; Rehoboam, Solomon's son and king of Judah; and Ahijah, a faithful prophet of God.

If a man wishes to erect a building, he must observe certain architectural rules to make sure it does not collapse. To enjoy health, one must abide by well defined physiological laws that govern eating, drinking and sleeping.

So it is on levels of moral conduct where immutable laws of God operate, which if obeyed assure strength of character ... and which if violated carry a penalty of exact retribution. Jeroboam operated at cross purposes to the will of God and was consumed, as a result, in the white fires of judgment. The lesson speaks specifically of "commandments" which he had broken.

It will be recalled from last Sunday, that the government organized by David

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and continued under Solomon, was divided — ten groups being organized into the Northern Kingdom (or Israel) with Jeroboam as king ... and two retaining headquarters at Jerusalem under Rehoboam.

Fearing that his subjects might get homesick for Jerusalem during sacred seasons of the year, Jeroboam introduced idol worship into the kingdom to hold their religious interests. This colossal deception, effecting the lives of so many people, is one of the great tragedies of Old Testament history. His government exhibits one major policy, namely, to raise a barrier against any possible reunion of the tribe.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS I KINGS 14:9.

"But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back."

This is strong language. Jeroboam's guilt was enhanced by the presumptuous contempt which he manifested for the promise of God, recorded in I Kings 11:38. The ruse which he attempted of having his wife approach the prophet Ahijah, in disguise, indicates a further weakness of character.

"Evil above all that were before thee." Solomon engaged in the worship of false gods for the sake of pagan wives, but he did not deliberately seek to lead a whole nation away from paths of truth.

"Who made Israel to sin." Jeroboam was directly responsible for the plight of the people. He was solely responsible for the two golden calves, installed at Dan and Bethel, before which his subjects were required to prostrate themselves in worship. It was a heinous crime!

A whole nation may suffer for the wrongdoing of one individual in a position of power. The United States was exposed to such a situation during the tenure of Franklin Roosevelt in the White House. Facts are still coming to

light exposing the master plan which he and his cohorts used, with the aim in view of eventually Sovietizing the Republic.

(3) THE KEY FACT: NATIONS LIKE INDIVIDUALS REAP WHAT THEY SOW.

The truth stands in bold relief, in the life of Jeroboam and his nation, that sin carries with it the penalty of judgment. The law of the harvest cannot be circumvented.

It is too bad when men give themselves over to profligate living, thinking to evade retribution. And the same is true with regard to nations.

The doctrine of the judgment of God runs through both Scripture and history. Men are accountable for what they do. They may not expect to escape the all-seeing eye of God.

This doctrine of moral responsibility needs to be emphasized today. It cannot be disregarded with safety. The world is full of wickedness because people have the mistaken idea that they can sin and get by!

The lesson before us, on the other hand, shows that judgment came hard and swift upon a wicked King. His nation suffered with him. Surely this is a sobering thought for us today.

We are prompted to ask: Where is our nation headed? Are national sins being tolerated which invite judgment?

What about the apostasy of our Churches; the unrestrained flow of alcoholic beverages which are robbing men, women and youth of the normal use of their senses; the almost universal disregard for the Sabbath; the rapid growth of crime, divorce, gambling ... and the tendency to ignore God and exclude Him from our daily affairs.

In America, the Church is the custodian of the national conscience. If weakened by apostasy, the foundations of government will be jeopardized. More than anything else, our Country needs today a spiritual revival.

LESSON NUMBER FOUR

May 9, 1954
ELIJAH'S FAMOUS CHALLENGE
I Kings 17:1-19.
I Kings, Chapter 18

MEMORY TEXT: "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." I Kings 18:21.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. Elijah performs miracles. I Kings 17:1-19.
- B. Eli'ah meets a wicked king and queen. I Kings 18:1-16.
- C. Elijah tries to appeal to the conscience of his people. I Kings 18:17-22.
- D. Elijah challenges the prophets of Baal. I Kings 18:23-24.
- E. Elijah wins a great victory. I Kings 18:25-40.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "FIRE."

The concept of Baal originated in a perverted heathen worshipful instinct. It was the most widely patronized false religious system of ancient times. All manner of licentious practices were carried on, as religious rites, in its name. Baal was a male deity. His female counterpart was Ashtoreth.

The leader of Baal worship in Elijah's day was Jezebel, the profligate wife of King Ahab. Her chief weapon against the prophets of God was the sword, which she wielded without restraint of conscience.

Ahab, a weak and vacillating character, gave her free reign, so that by the time Elijah appeared on the scenes, opposition to Baal had been practically erased.

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Ignoring Jezebel for the moment, Elijah demanded and obtained an audience with Ahab, to tell him that the land would be cursed with a famine and an absence of rainfall for an extended period.

Dr. Joseph Parker visualizes the scene as follows: "Imagine the two men standing face to face: Ahab, the dissolute king, and Elijah the faithful prophet, and probably there is no finer picture in ancient history. Terrible indeed is the national crisis when king and prophet come into collision. It is Right against Wrong, Faithfulness against Treachery, Purity against Corruption. Look at them, Ahab and Elijah, as they face one another!

"Consider the boldness of the prophet. Religion is never to be ashamed of its own testimony. As we look at the scene, we see (1) The value of one noble witness in the midst of public corruption and decay, and (2) The grandeur as well as necessity of a distinct personal profession of godliness. It is not enough to be godly, we must avow it in open conduct and articulate confession."

These men, and the principles they represented, were destined for a future clash, when the false would be consumed by a rain of fire from the atmospheric heavens.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS I KINGS 18:24.

"The God that answereth by fire, let him be God."

Some three and one-half years elapsed (during which time there had been "sore famine"), before Prophet and King had their second encounter. Ahab demanded to know, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?"

Elijah made the quick rejoinder that Ahab was the real trouble maker for having "forsaken the commandments of the Lord" and followed Baal.

Thereupon the Prophet issued his famous challenge. To the people, he shouted: "How long *halt* ye between two opinions?" A better translation would be "limp" instead of "halt." The masses were limping, stumbling, moving with uncertain gait in religious matters.

To Ahab, Jezebel and the priests of Baal, he thundered: "Call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God."

(3) THE KEY FACT: ONE WITH GOD IS A MAJORITY.

Elijah felt quite alone. Public sentiment was against him. He could not

have chosen a more unpopular course. He said: "I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord."

The rules of the contest were understood by everyone. The people voiced approval. Jezebel's prophets of Baal prepared their altar and offering. They cried for hours, agonized, lacerated their flesh and engaged in all kinds of contortions ... but there was no fire.

Then Elijah repaired the Lord's altar that had broken, dug a trench around it, filled the trench with water three times, arranged his sacrifice, and sent up a prayer of only 63 words.

The people did not have long to wait. Flames swarmed down about the altar, licked up the water and returned from whence they came. "And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God."

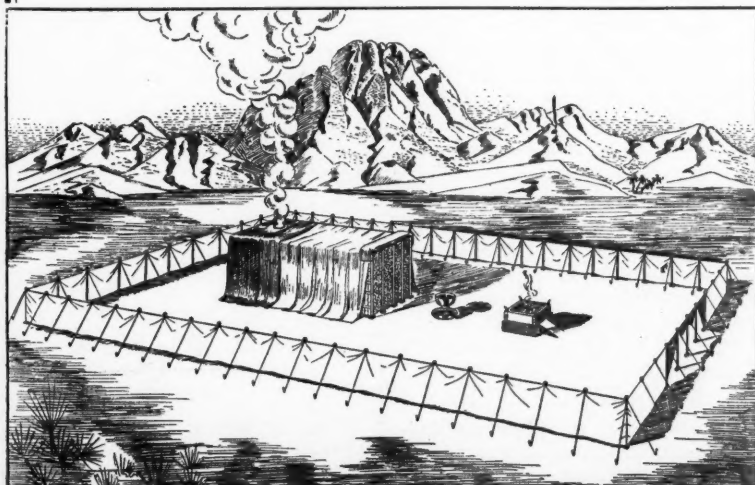
Certain facts, associated with this incident, stand out in bold relief: (1) Men of God are needed in every generation to challenge the forces of unrighteousness, (2) God's men and women, being sure they are right, should be fearless, (3) False religious teachings must be opposed and (4) Live in a climate of faith, so that the mighty arm of God can be moved.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL A DETERRENT TO CRIME

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THE CRIMINAL is the product of spiritual starvation. Someone failed miserably to bring him to know God, love Him, and serve Him. As a result, the criminal's mental attitudes and actions are guided by a selfish individualism. He has no respect for the law—he hates it. Moral traditions are subject to his scorn as he declares war on society.

Unfortunately, there are many in the United States today who flout the laws of both God and man. This is borne out by facts and figures in the possession of the FBI ...

SHOCKING INCREASE OF CRIME

The upward sweep in postwar crime is characterized by criminal incidents reminiscent of gang events following World War I. Gangsters, hoodlums, and trigger men are eagerly recruiting youngsters into the criminal army. Guns are finding their way into the hands of mere boys who are ready to laugh at the law and kill if necessary.

I recall one case where two police officers were dispatched to a cabin on the outskirts of a town to locate several boys who were wanted at that time for questioning. The officers located the boys and were at once confronted with a defiant group of youngsters rivaling the hostility of hardened gangsters. Four boys armed with machine guns held the officers at bay. As the two officers awaited reinforcements and sought to avoid bloodshed, the boys retreated to the swamps along a near-by river. The

youngsters were surrounded and called upon to surrender. Their answer was a volley of gunfire. In the pitched battle which followed, a 14-year-old boy was killed. The others surrendered.

These youngsters turned out to be the ringleaders of a youthful gang which had perpetrated a wave of thefts. On two successive nights prior to the gun battle, the gang of boys had burglarized a National Guard armory and had made away with an arsenal consisting of sub-machine guns, rifles, hand grenades, several thousand rounds of ammunition, and other government property. Previously, the boys had stolen several cars, burglarized storehouses, an automobile agency, and a private residence.

The leader of the gang was 18. He led a band who refused to practice the very necessary virtues of honor, decency, and love of God and Country. Certainly, these boys had very little chance to learn and appreciate these virtues because they had been exposed to indifference, lack of parental guidance, and drunkenness.

THE HOME

After reviewing the thousands of case histories which have poured into the FBI, I am firmly convinced that there are two factors in our outlook which if not checked will plunge us headlong into national decadence. The first is the failure of the home itself as the first classroom and, second, our national indifference toward evil influences in our

life which are beyond the immediate control of parents.

Criminals are not born. They are the products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the results of an age which has tossed morality in the junk yard. Moral chaos and crime run hand in hand as they eagerly attempt to destroy peace, order, and happiness. If we are to get down to fundamentals in approaching the problem of crime it is necessary to begin to build the spiritual structure of the child at the cradle. This responsibility rests initially with the parents. The home must be the first great arena of teaching. In the final analysis, the child who fails to learn honesty, discipline, and respect for authority from his parents can quickly become exposed to the virus of crime.

Unhappily, there are many homes where parents are untrained in their obligations to their offspring; where unguarded talk is as regular as three meals a day; where disrespect for authority and criticism of officials are common occurrences; where childish independence is encouraged, and refractory conduct is condoned; where breaches of discipline and antisocial whims are overlooked; and where God and religion are considered too old-fashioned in an age dedicated to materialism.

The children of such homes need help and the Sunday Schools can do much and are doing much to bring God and religion into the starved souls of these youngsters. Our Sunday Schools are not sending forth children who easily succumb to life-wrecking temptations. Instead, the boys and girls who have gone to Sunday school have been well prepared for the entire span of life.

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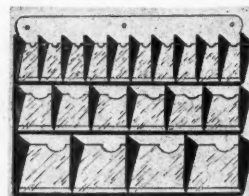
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The Sunday School teaches the power of prayer and the need to make God an intrinsic part of our daily lives. The Sunday School teaches the child to "rule his spirit" and to place a reliance upon God which will not be shaken in later years. It stands as a strong bulwark against the angry waves of evil presently sweeping across our Nation. It is a powerful medium in materially reducing the army of youthful offenders and delinquents.

I would like to pay tribute to the thousands of loyal men and women who are serving unselfishly as teachers in our Sunday Schools. We in law enforcement look upon them as companions-in-arms in the fight against crime.

As true Crusaders for Christ, the Sunday School teachers want the Nation's children to be honest, truthful, and unselfish. They are convincing youngsters that right habits, attitudes, and appreciations are necessary attributes for decent living. They are in the front ranks of the great army of Americans who are courageously fighting to free our national scene from dishonesty, selfishness,

greed, and moral instability. In recruiting for God, they are building for America.

More often than not, a child is first introduced to the Bible by a Sunday School teacher. It is quite impossible to believe that progress along the road to righteous living may be accomplished without the guidance of the Bible. It is the source of spiritual food, the solution of life's problems, and the inspiration for Christian living.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" is a precept which must be followed by all if life is to have a meaning. Our forefathers believed in the inspired Word of God and their religious faith and simple devotion produced a strong national character.

If we are to make progress in the fight against crime, make certain that the children of the nation attend Sunday School. It is difficult to understand why many mothers and fathers refuse to afford to their children the wholesome, healthful, character-building environment of the Sunday School.

A PREACHER WHO CLEANED UP A CITY

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THE CITY of Florence was desperately wicked when Savonarola came to the Cathedral in 1483 as priest in the Church of Rome. But he was more than a priest. He became a prophet of God to his city and age. He feared no man. He delivered his soul, in the most burning sermons that the people of Florence ever heard.

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When the doors of the Cathedral were opened in the morning the crowd filled the long naves. Each lighted his lamp and opened his prayer-book. In profound silence Savonarola would ascend the pulpit and look upon a multitude which had kept watch for many hours to make sure of hearing him.

His sermons produced the greatest agitation in his hearers. When he came to the city in 1483, Florence was given up to extravagant luxury, effeminacy, profligacy and libertinism. Even the clergy were unbelieving and licentious.

A few years later, owing to his influence, the people were seen reading their prayer-books as they walked through the streets. It is said that in order to expiate their former guilt, they fasted to such an extent as to beggar the butchers. Lest the old temptations should return, paintings, statuary, profane books, tapestries and other objects deemed unclean were burned.

Savonarola proclaimed himself the prophet of God and hurled anathemas against Florence, the great sinner: "Florence, what hast thou done? Wilt thou that I tell thee? Thine iniquity is full; prepare thyself for a great scourge."

His invectives were terrible. It is not surprising that he made enemies.

He urged the people to deliver the guilty to secular justice. Sometimes his sermons produced great emotion as he increased in animation.

Savonarola cleaned up the city but his enemies at last visited on the head of this fiery monk, the vengeance he had so often invoked on them.

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